

**17-4667. Same; effect.** (a) In the case of a consolidation, the existence of the consolidating cooperatives shall cease and the articles of consolidation shall be deemed to be the articles of incorporation of the new cooperative. In case of a merger, the separate existence of the merging cooperatives shall cease and the articles of incorporation of the surviving cooperatives shall be amended to the extent, if any, that changes therein are necessary in the articles of merger.

(b) All the rights, privileges, immunities and franchises and all property, real and personal, including applications for membership, all debts due on whatever account and all other choses in action, of each consolidating or merging cooperative shall be deemed to be transferred to and vested in the new or surviving cooperative without further act or deed.

(c) The new or surviving cooperative shall be responsible and liable for all liabilities and obligations of each consolidating or merging cooperative and any claim existing or action or proceeding pending by or against any of the consolidating or merging cooperatives may be prosecuted as if the consolidation or merger had not taken place, but the new or surviving cooperative may be substituted in its place.

(d) Neither the rights of creditors nor any liens upon the property of any such cooperative shall be impaired by such consolidation or merger.

**History:** L. 2003, ch. 81, § 16; July 1.