

2020 Kansas Statutes

9-1712. Examination of records and investigative materials of commissioner, confidential; disclosure. (a) All information the state bank commissioner generates in making an investigation or examination of a state bank or trust company shall be confidential information.

(b) All confidential information shall be the property of the state of Kansas and shall not be disclosed except upon the written approval of the commissioner.

(c) Except for disclosure pursuant to subsection (e) and K.S.A. 9-2014, and amendments thereto, the commissioner shall give 10 days prior written notice to the affected bank or trust company of intent to disclose confidential information.

(d) Any bank or trust company receiving notice of the intent to disclose confidential information may object to the disclosure of the confidential information and shall be afforded the right to a hearing in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act.

(e) (1) The commissioner may furnish to the federal deposit insurance corporation, or to any officer or examiner thereof, a copy of any or all examination reports made by the commissioner, or the commissioner's examiners, of any bank or trust company insured by such corporation. The commissioner may disclose to the federal deposit insurance corporation, or any official or examiner thereof, any and all information contained in the commissioner's office concerning the condition of any bank or trust company insured by such corporation.

(2) The commissioner may disclose any and all information contained in the commissioner's office concerning the condition of any bank or trust company to the:

- (A) Federal reserve bank;
- (B) office of the comptroller of currency;
- (C) federal home loan bank;
- (D) office of thrift supervision;
- (E) financial crimes enforcement network; or
- (F) consumer financial protection bureau.

(3) The commissioner may furnish to the state treasurer a copy of any or all examination information relating specifically to apparent violations of the uniform unclaimed property act, K.S.A. 58-3934 through 58-3978, and amendments thereto.

(4) To reduce the potential for duplicative and burdensome filings, examinations and other regulatory activities, the commissioner, by agreement, may establish an information sharing and exchange program with any regulatory agency of this state, another state or the United States concerning activities that are financial in nature, incidental to financial activities, or complementary to financial activities, as those terms are used in 15 U.S.C. § 6801 et seq. on the effective date of this act. Each agency that is party to such an agreement shall agree to maintain confidentiality of information that is confidential under applicable state or federal law and to take all reasonable steps to oppose any effort to secure disclosure of the information by such agency.

(5) Disclosure of information by or to the commissioner pursuant to this section shall not constitute a waiver of or otherwise affect or diminish a privilege to which the information is otherwise subject, whether or not the disclosure is governed by a confidentiality agreement. "Privilege" includes any work product, attorney-client or other privilege recognized under federal or state law.

(6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the powers of the commissioner with reference to examinations and reports required by the state banking code.

(f) As used in this section, "information" means, but is not limited to, all documents, oral and written communication and all electronic data.

(g) Any person that violates this section, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

(h) The commissioner may provide any person with a letter of good standing upon request. Any person requesting a letter of good standing shall pay to the commissioner a fee in an amount established pursuant to K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 9-1726, and amendments thereto, to defray the expenses of the commissioner in investigating

and complying with the request. The commissioner shall remit all moneys received under this section to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the bank investigation fund. The moneys in the bank investigation fund shall be used to pay the expenses of the commissioner in the examination and investigation of such applications and any unused balance shall be transferred to the bank commissioner fee fund.

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