

# SENATE BILL 783

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By: **Senator Jackson**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Credit Unions – Mergers and Consolidations – Alteration of Voting Requirement**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a majority of the board of a surviving credit union to  
4 approve a proposed merger without the affirmative vote of a majority of the members  
5 of the surviving credit union, subject to certain requirements; and generally relating  
6 to credit union mergers and consolidations.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Financial Institutions

9 Section 6–803(a) and (b)(1)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Financial Institutions

14 Section 6–803(d) through (g)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Financial Institutions**

20 6–803.

21 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (2) “Merging credit union” means a credit union that is absorbed or  
23 acquired by another credit union in a merger and ceases to exist after the merger.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (3)    “New credit union” means a credit union that is created when two or  
2 more credit unions consolidate to form a newly created credit union.

3           (4)    “Surviving credit union” means a credit union that absorbs or acquires  
4 another credit union in a merger and continues to exist after the merger.

5           (b)    (1)    (i)    With the approval of the Commissioner, any credit union may  
6 merge or consolidate as provided in this section.

7                       (ii)   A merger or consolidation under this section may be with a credit  
8 union organized under the laws of the United States, this State, or any other state.

9           (d)    **(1)**   A majority of the board of each credit union proposing a [merger or]  
10 consolidation shall:

11                       **[(1)] (I)**   Adopt a resolution that declares that the [merger or]  
12 consolidation is advisable; and

13                       **[(2)] (II)**   Set a date for a vote on the proposed [merger or] consolidation  
14 by the members of each credit union party to the [merger or] consolidation at any annual  
15 or special meeting of the membership or by mail ballot to be filed on or before that date.

16                       **(2) (I)   A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF EACH CREDIT UNION**  
17 **PROPOSING A MERGER SHALL ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT DECLARES THAT THE**  
18 **MERGER IS ADVISABLE;**

19                       **(II)   A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF EACH MERGING CREDIT**  
20 **UNION PROPOSING THE MERGER SHALL SET A DATE FOR A VOTE ON THE PROPOSED**  
21 **MERGER BY THE MEMBERS OF EACH MERGING CREDIT UNION AT ANY ANNUAL OR**  
22 **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP OR BY MAIL BALLOT TO BE FILED ON OR**  
23 **BEFORE THAT DATE; AND**

24                       **(III)  A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF THE SURVIVING CREDIT**  
25 **UNION PROPOSING THE MERGER MAY SET A DATE FOR A VOTE ON THE PROPOSED**  
26 **MERGER BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SURVIVING CREDIT UNION AT ANY ANNUAL OR**  
27 **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP OR BY MAIL BALLOT TO BE FILED ON OR**  
28 **BEFORE THAT DATE.**

29           (e)    The Commissioner, at the request of [the] A board, may:

30                       (1)    Waive the vote of the members; and

31                       (2)    Substitute any reasonable method of determining the approval by the  
32 members.

1 (f) (1) [The merger or] A consolidation shall be in accordance with a plan that:

2 [(1)] (I) States the field of membership type that the [surviving or] new  
3 credit union will have;

4 [(2)] (II) Is agreed to by a majority of the board of each credit union party  
5 to the [merger or] consolidation; and

6 [(3)] (III) Unless provided otherwise by the Commissioner, is approved by  
7 the members of each credit union party to the [merger or consolidation,] CONSOLIDATION  
8 by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of each credit union party to the  
9 [merger or] consolidation who vote on the proposal.

10 (2) A MERGER SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PLAN THAT:

11 (I) STATES THE FIELD OF MEMBERSHIP TYPE THAT THE  
12 SURVIVING CREDIT UNION WILL HAVE;

13 (II) IS AGREED TO BY A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF EACH  
14 CREDIT UNION PARTY TO THE MERGER; AND

15 (III) UNLESS PROVIDED OTHERWISE BY THE COMMISSIONER, IS  
16 APPROVED BY THE MEMBERS OF EACH MERGING CREDIT UNION PARTY TO THE  
17 MERGER BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF EACH  
18 MERGING CREDIT UNION PARTY TO THE MERGER WHO VOTE ON THE PROPOSAL.

19 (g) (1) [After] UNLESS CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION THE APPROVAL  
20 BY THE MEMBERS IS BOTH NOT REQUIRED AND NOT OBTAINED, AFTER agreement by  
21 the board and approval by the members of each credit union party to the merger or  
22 consolidation, two officers of each credit union party to the merger or consolidation shall  
23 execute a certificate of merger or consolidation.

24 (2) The certificate of merger or consolidation shall include as to each credit  
25 union party to the merger or consolidation:

26 (i) The time and place of the meeting of the board at which the plan  
27 was agreed to;

28 (ii) The vote by which the plan was agreed to by the board;

29 (iii) A copy of the resolution or other action by which the plan was  
30 agreed to by the board; AND

31 (iv) UNLESS CONSISTENT WITH THIS SECTION THE APPROVAL  
32 BY THE MEMBERS IS BOTH NOT REQUIRED AND NOT OBTAINED:

1                                   **1.**     The date on or by which the plan was approved by the  
2 members of each credit union; and

3                                   **[(v)] 2.**     Unless provided otherwise by the Commissioner, the vote  
4 by which the plan was approved by the members of each credit union.

5                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2026.