

**SENATE BILL NO. 2263**

Introduced by

Senators Epegard, Holmberg, Schobinger, Tollefson

Representatives Dietrich, Nottestad

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 6-06-07 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to the field of membership of state-chartered credit unions.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 6-06-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **6-06-07. Membership in credit union.**

- 7 1. The membership of a credit union consists of the incorporators and such other  
8 persons as may be elected to membership. Each member shall subscribe to and  
9 pay the initial installment on at least one share in the credit union, and pay the  
10 entrance fee as provided by the bylaws of the credit union. Organizations,  
11 incorporated or otherwise, composed principally of the same general group as the  
12 credit union membership may be members ~~therein~~ of the credit union.
- 13 2. Credit union membership is limited to groups having a common bond of occupation  
14 or association or to groups residing within a ~~well defined rural or urban district~~  
15 geographic area that does not extend beyond a seventy-five mile [120.70  
16 kilometer] radius of the home office of the credit union. Except as provided by this  
17 section, an office of a credit union that has a field of membership defined by  
18 geography may not be located more than seventy-five miles [120.70 kilometers]  
19 from the credit union main office. The restrictions on location and field of  
20 membership under this section do not apply to a credit union office location or field  
21 of membership approved by the board before January 1, 2005. In the event of a  
22 merger between credit unions with different geographic fields of membership, the  
23 surviving credit union may expand the field of membership to include the  
24 geographic field of membership of the merged credit union. After December 31,

1                   2004, a credit union may not establish and operate a new branch office that is  
2                   outside the credit union's field of membership. A branch office may not expand the  
3                   geographic field of membership of a credit union.  
4                   3. The board shall adopt a procedure ~~whereby~~ through which all interested persons,  
5                   including banking institutions and credit unions, are afforded reasonable  
6                   opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, orally or in writing;; to obtain a  
7                   hearing; and to intervene as a party to a proceeding concerning a proposed  
8                   application for a credit union to expand ~~its~~ the credit union's field of membership.