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Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of Vassalboro.

Cosponsored by Representative LIPMAN of Augusta and Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

An Act to Authorize the Establishment of Nondepository Trust Companies.



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- Sec. 1. 9-B MRSA §131, sub-§17, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 500,
 4 §1, is amended to read:
- 17. Financial institution. "Financial institution" means a trust company, nondepository trust company, savings bank, industrial bank or savings and loan association organized under the laws of this State; and each shall must represent a type of institution. As the term "financial institution" is used in Parts 1 and 2 and in chapter 46, it shall—includes credit unions organized pursuant to the laws of this State.

14 Sec. 2. 9-B MRSA §131, sub-§28-A is enacted to read:

- 16 <u>28-A. Nondepository trust company.</u> "Nondepository trust company" means any financial institution organized under chapter

 18 <u>31 with powers expressly restricted or otherwise limited to the conduct of general trust business.</u>
- Sec. 3. 9-B MRSA §311, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 500, §1, is amended to read:

§311. Applicability of chapter

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- The provisions of this chapter shall govern the organization and management of trust companies, <u>nondepository trust companies</u>, savings banks and savings and loan associations operating as stock financial institutions.
 - Sec. 4. 9-B MRSA §343, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 155, §2, is amended to read:
- - The conversion plan of a savings and loan association, as approved by the superintendent, shall must be submitted to the members for their approval at an annual meeting, or at a special meeting, called for that purpose, pursuant to the requirements of section 352, subsection 3 or section 353, subsection 3. Approval by a savings and loan association shall—require requires a majority vote of those entitled to vote. Each holder of a savings account in a savings and loan association shall—be is

entitled to cast one vote for each \$100 or fraction thereof, of
the withdrawable value of his the holder's accounts, up to a
maximum of 50 votes. A borrowing member of a savings and loan
association shall—be is permitted, as a borrower, to cast one
vote and to cast the number of votes to which he the borrowing
member may be entitled as the holder of savings accounts. The
members who shall—be are entitled to vote at the meeting of the
members to adopt the conversion plan shall must be holders of
savings accounts and borrowing members of record on the books of
the association as of such date as may be prescribed by the
superintendent.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill amends the banking laws to authorize the establishment of nondepository trust companies. This change provides state chartering authority similar to that of the Comptroller of the Currency.

This bill also makes the necessary changes to cross-references in the law to ensure that all state-chartered nondepository trust companies are subject to the appropriate sections of the banking laws.

Finally, this bill clarifies the law to ensure that a state-chartered nondepository trust company may convert to another type of financial institution upon application and approval by the Superintendent of Banking. The approval process would involve a review of decision-making criteria.