

2021 Kansas Statutes

9-1122. **Closing of banks; business hours; emergencies.** (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Officers" means the person or persons designated by the board of directors of a bank or trust company to act for the bank or trust company in carrying out the provisions of this act or, in the absence of any such designation or of the officer or officers so designated, the president or any other officer currently in charge of the bank or trust company;

(2) "office" means any place at which a bank transacts business; and

(3) "emergency" means any condition or occurrence which may interfere physically with the conduct of normal business operations at the offices of a bank or trust company or which poses an imminent or existing threat to the safety or security of persons or property, or both. An emergency may arise as a result of and any one or more of the following, but is not limited to, fire, flood, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, wind, rain or snow storm, labor strike by bank or trust company employees, power failure, transportation failure, interruption of communications facilities, shortage of fuel, housing, food, transportation or labor, robbery or attempted robbery, actual or threatened enemy attack, epidemic or other catastrophe, riot, civil commotion and other acts of lawlessness or violence, actual or threatened.

(b) A bank or trust company may remain closed on any one business day of every week or may make a permanent change in the bank's or trust company's hours of business. The bank or trust company shall post the resolution in a conspicuous place at the main office and all branch locations of the bank or trust company at least 15 days in advance of any closing or change in business hours. If the business day designated in any resolution regarding closing is a legal public holiday, the bank or trust company may close on the business day preceding or following the legal public holiday.

(c) The officers of a bank or trust company may close the bank's or trust company's offices on any day or days designated by proclamation of the president of the United States or the governor or legislature of this state, as a day or days of mourning, rejoicing or other special observance and on such other day or days of local or special observance in the reasonable and proper exercise of their discretion the officers feel the bank or trust company should observe. If the bank or trust company is closed pursuant to this subsection, the bank or trust company shall give reasonable notice of the closing by posting a notice in a conspicuous place at the main office and all branch locations of the bank or trust company and through any other means the bank or trust company deems appropriate, including publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the community, if time allows.

(d) Whenever the officers of a bank or trust company are of the opinion that an emergency exists, or is impending, which affects, or may affect, a bank's or trust company's offices, the officers shall have the authority, in the reasonable and proper exercise of the officers' discretion, to determine not to open such offices on any business or banking day or, if having opened, to close such offices during the continuation of such emergency. The officers shall notify the commissioner of the emergency, the closing, the duration and the subsequent reopening within 48 hours of any such event, if practical. In no case shall such offices remain closed for more than 48 consecutive hours, excluding other legal holidays, without requesting and obtaining the approval of the commissioner.

(e) Every day on which any bank or trust company shall remain closed pursuant to this section shall be deemed a holiday for all of the purposes of chapter 84 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and with respect to any bank or trust company business of any character. No bank or trust company shall be required to permit access to the bank's or trust company's safe, deposit vault or vaults on any such day. Where the terms

of a contract requires the payment of money or the performance of a condition on any such day by, through, with or at any bank or trust company, then the payment may be made or condition performed on the next business day with the same force and effect as if made or performed in accordance with the terms of the contract. No liability or loss of rights of any kind shall result from the delay.

(f) The posting of the notice provided for in this section shall be notice to everyone of the closing or change in hours of the bank or trust company, and thereafter no liability shall be incurred by the bank or trust company by reason of closing or changing the bank hours pursuant to this section.

(g) The provisions of this section shall be construed and applied as being in addition to, and not in substitution for, or limitation of, any other law of this state or of the United States, authorizing the closing of a bank or trust company or excusing the delay by a bank or trust company in the performance of the bank's or trust company's duties and obligations because of emergencies or conditions beyond the bank's or trust company's control or otherwise.

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