

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to banks and trust companies;  
8 amending 6 O.S. 2021, Section 2025, which relates to  
share or deposit accounts payable on death; modifying  
where deposits shall be made payable on death;  
modifying where shares may be distributed to;  
specifying accounts as share or deposit accounts;  
modifying where funds shall be payable if sole  
beneficiary is not living; providing for where shares  
are divided if beneficiary dies before the account  
owner; modifying validity of receipt requirements;  
providing notice requirement; and providing an  
effective date.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 6 O.S. 2021, Section 2025, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 2025. Share or deposit account payable on death -  
20 Application.

21 A. Share and deposit account proceeds that are payable to a  
22 beneficiary upon the death of the account owner shall be offered  
23 pursuant to the following provisions:

1       1. When shares are owned or a deposit has been made or shall  
2 hereafter be made in any credit union using the terms "Payable on  
3 Death" or "P.O.D.", such deposits shall be payable on the death of  
4 the account owner to one or more designated P.O.D. beneficiaries, or  
5 to an individual or individuals named beneficiary if living and if  
6 not living, to the ~~named~~ estate of the ~~beneficiary~~ deceased account  
7 holder, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in  
8 Sections 41 through 57 of Title 84 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Each  
9 designated P.O.D. beneficiary shall be a trust, an individual, or a  
10 nonprofit organization exempt from taxation pursuant to the  
11 provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section  
12 501(c) (3);

13       2. A share or deposit account with a P.O.D. designation shall  
14 constitute a contract between the account owner, (or owners, if  
15 ~~there is~~ more than one,) and the credit union that upon the death of  
16 the last surviving owner of the account, and after payment of  
17 account proceeds to any secured party with a valid security interest  
18 in the account, the credit union will hold the funds for or pay ~~the~~  
19 ~~funds~~ them to the named primary beneficiary or beneficiaries, if  
20 living. If ~~any~~ named a primary beneficiary ~~is not~~ living  
21 predeceases the account owner, the share of that primary beneficiary  
22 ~~shall instead be held for or paid to the estate of that deceased~~  
23 ~~beneficiary unless contingent beneficiaries have been designated by~~  
24 ~~the account owner as allowed by paragraph 4 of this subsection be~~

1 distributed pursuant to either paragraph 4, 5, or 8 of this  
2 subsection, whichever is applicable;

3       3. Each P.O.D. beneficiary designated on ~~an~~ a share or deposit  
4 account shall be a primary beneficiary unless specifically  
5 designated as a contingent beneficiary;

6       4. If there is only one primary P.O.D. beneficiary on ~~an~~ a  
7 share or deposit account and that beneficiary is an individual, the  
8 account owner may designate one or more contingent beneficiaries for  
9 whom the funds shall be held or to whom the funds shall be paid if  
10 the primary beneficiary is not living when the last surviving owner  
11 of the account dies. If there is more than one primary P.O.D.  
12 beneficiary on ~~an~~ a share or deposit account, contingent  
13 beneficiaries shall not be allowed on that account;

14       5. If the only sole primary P.O.D. beneficiary is not living  
15 and one or more contingent beneficiaries have been designated as  
16 allowed by paragraph 4 of this subsection, the funds shall be held  
17 for or paid to the contingent beneficiaries who are alive at the  
18 time of the account owner's death in equal shares, and shall not  
19 belong to the estate of the deceased primary beneficiary or the  
20 estate of the deceased account holder. If neither the only primary  
21 beneficiary ~~is not living, and a nor any~~ contingent beneficiary ~~or~~  
22 ~~contingent beneficiaries have been designated as allowed by~~  
23 ~~paragraph 4 of this subsection, but one or more designated~~  
24 ~~contingent beneficiaries are also not living, the share that~~

1 ~~otherwise would belong to any deceased contingent beneficiary is~~  
2 living at the time of the account owner's death, the funds shall  
3 ~~instead be held for or paid to the estate of that deceased~~  
4 ~~contingent beneficiary account owner's estate;~~

5       6. In order to designate multiple primary P.O.D. beneficiaries  
6 for ~~an~~ a share or deposit account, the account should be styled as  
7 follows: "(Name of Account Owner), payable on death (or P.O.D.) to  
8 (Name of Beneficiary), (Name of Beneficiary), and (Name of  
9 Beneficiary), in equal shares".;

10      7. If only one primary P.O.D. beneficiary has been designated  
11 on ~~an~~ a share or deposit account, the account owner may add the  
12 following, or words of similar meaning, in the style of the account  
13 or in the account agreement: "If the designated P.O.D. beneficiary  
14 is deceased, then payable on the death of the account owner to (Name  
15 of Beneficiary), (Name of Beneficiary), and (Name of Beneficiary),  
16 as contingent beneficiaries, in equal shares.";

17      8. Adjustments may be made in the styling, depending upon the  
18 number of owners of the account, to allow for survivorship rights,  
19 and the number of beneficiaries. It is to be understood that each  
20 beneficiary is entitled to a proportionate share of the account  
21 proceeds only after the death of the last surviving account owner,  
22 and after payment of account proceeds to any secured party with a  
23 valid security interest in the account. ~~In the event of the death~~  
24 ~~of a beneficiary prior to the death of the account owner, the share~~

1 ~~of that beneficiary shall go to the estate of that beneficiary~~  
2 ~~unless one or more contingent beneficiaries have been designated to~~  
3 ~~take the place of that beneficiary as provided in paragraph 4 of~~  
4 ~~this subsection.~~ All designated primary P.O.D. beneficiaries shall  
5 have equal shares. All designated contingent P.O.D. beneficiaries  
6 shall have equal shares as if the sole primary beneficiary is  
7 deceased. In the event of the death of a beneficiary prior to the  
8 death of the account owner, the share of that beneficiary shall be  
9 divided among any surviving beneficiaries or distributed to  
10 contingent beneficiaries pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 5 of this  
11 subsection, if applicable. If no beneficiaries are alive at the  
12 time of the account owner's death, the funds shall be held for, or  
13 paid to, the estate of the deceased account owner;

14       9. A credit union may require the owner of an account to  
15 provide an address for any primary or contingent P.O.D. beneficiary.  
16 If the P.O.D. account is an interest-bearing account and the funds  
17 are not claimed by the P.O.D. beneficiary or beneficiaries within  
18 sixty (60) days after the death of the last surviving account  
19 holder, or after the credit union has notice of the death of the  
20 last surviving account holder, whichever is later, the credit union  
21 has the right to convert the account to a non-interest-bearing  
22 account;

23       10. No change in the designation of a named beneficiary shall  
24 be valid unless executed by the owner of the fund and in the form

1 and manner prescribed by the credit union; however, this section  
2 shall be subject to the provisions of Section 178 of Title 15 of the  
3 Oklahoma Statutes. Until the death of the member or owner, the  
4 member or owner shall possess and may exercise all rights,  
5 respecting the shares or deposits, including the power to vote,  
6 pledge, withdraw, in whole or in part, make additions to, and to in  
7 any way deal with the shares or deposit. The receipt or acquittance  
8 of the member or owner shall be a valid and sufficient release and  
9 discharge of the credit union as to any payment to the member or  
10 owner; and

11       11. The receipt or acquittance of the named beneficiary so  
12 paid, or of the legal representative of ~~such named beneficiary's the~~  
13 ~~account owner's~~ estate, ~~if in the event the beneficiary is deceased~~  
~~and there is no contingent beneficiary designated to take the place~~  
15 ~~of that beneficiary predeceased the account owner,~~ shall be valid  
16 and sufficient release and discharge to the credit union for any  
17 payment so made; and

18       12. ~~After January 1, 2008 Subsequent to the effective date of~~  
19 ~~this act,~~ a credit union shall provide a ~~customer~~ member creating a  
20 P.O.D. account with a written notice that the distribution of the  
21 proceeds in the P.O.D. account shall be consistent with the  
22 provisions of this section.

23       B. The provisions of this section shall apply to all forms of  
24 deposit accounts including, but not limited to, share accounts,

1 transaction accounts, savings accounts, certificates of deposits,  
2 negotiable order of withdrawal (N.O.W.) accounts, and M.M.D.A.  
3 accounts.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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