

**Executive Documents****EXCEPTION AS TO TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS**

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**§ 65. Repealed. Pub. L. 86-230, § 8, Sept. 8, 1959, 73 Stat. 457**

Section, acts June 30, 1876, ch. 156, § 2, 19 Stat. 63; Sept. 3, 1954, ch. 1263, § 22, 68 Stat. 1234, related to enforcement of shareholders' individual liability by creditors on liquidation. Limitation on liability of shareholders, see section 64a of this title.

**§ 66. Personal liability of representatives of stockholders**

Persons holding stock as executors, administrators, guardians, or trustees, shall not be personally subject to any liabilities as stockholders; but the estates and funds in their hands shall be liable in like manner and to the same extent as the testator, intestate, ward, or person interested in such trust funds would be, if living and competent to act and hold the stock in his own name.

(R.S. § 5152.)

**Editorial Notes****CODIFICATION**

R.S. § 5152 derived from act June 3, 1864, ch. 106, § 63, 13 Stat. 118, which was the National Bank Act. See section 38 of this title.

**§ 67. Individual liability of shareholders; compromises; authority of receiver**

Any receiver of a national banking association is authorized, with the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency and upon the order of a court of record of competent jurisdiction, to compromise, either before or after judgment, the individual liability of any shareholder of such association.

(Feb. 25, 1930, ch. 58, 46 Stat. 74.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****APPLICATION TO DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Provisions of this section were made applicable to banks, etc., in the District of Columbia by act Mar. 4, 1933, ch. 274, § 4, 47 Stat. 1567.

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**SUBCHAPTER III—DIRECTORS****§ 71. Election**

The affairs of each association shall be managed by not less than five directors, who shall be elected by the shareholders at a meeting to be held at any time before the association is authorized by the Comptroller of the Currency to commence the business of banking; and after-

ward at meetings to be held on such day of each year as is specified therefor in the bylaws. The directors shall hold office for a period of not more than 3 years, and until their successors are elected and have qualified. In accordance with regulations issued by the Comptroller of the Currency, a national bank may adopt bylaws that provide for staggering the terms of its directors.

(R.S. § 5145; Pub. L. 88-232, § 1, Dec. 23, 1963, 77 Stat. 472; Pub. L. 106-569, title XII, § 1205(a), Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 3033.)

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R.S. § 5145 derived from act June 3, 1864, ch. 106, §§ 9, 10, 13 Stat. 102, which was the National Bank Act. See section 38 of this title.

**AMENDMENTS**

2000—Pub. L. 106-569 substituted “for a period of not more than 3 years” for “for one year” and inserted at end “In accordance with regulations issued by the Comptroller of the Currency, a national bank may adopt bylaws that provide for staggering the terms of its directors.”

1963—Pub. L. 88-232 substituted “on such day of each year as is specified therefor in the bylaws” for “on such day in January of each year as is specified therefor in the articles of association”.

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**§ 71a. Number of directors; penalties**

After one year from June 16, 1933, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board of directors, board of trustees, or other similar governing body of every national banking association and of every State bank or trust company which is a member of the Federal Reserve System shall consist of not less than five nor more than twenty-five members, except that the Comptroller of the Currency may, by regulation or order, exempt a national bank from the 25-member limit established by this section. If any national banking association violates the provisions of this section and continues such violation after thirty days' notice from the Comptroller of the Currency, the said Comptroller may appoint a receiver or conservator therefor, in accordance with the provisions of existing law. If any State bank or trust company which is a member of the Federal Reserve System violates the provisions of this section and continues such violation after thirty days' notice from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, it shall be subject to the forfeiture of its membership in the Federal Reserve System in accordance with the provisions of section 327 of this title.

(June 16, 1933, ch. 89, § 31, 48 Stat. 194; June 16, 1934, ch. 546, § 4, 48 Stat. 971; Aug. 23, 1935, ch. 614, title II, § 203(a), title III, § 306, 49 Stat. 704, 708; Pub. L. 106-569, title XII, § 1205(b), Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 3034.)