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- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking and finance; to amend sections 2 8-101.03, 8-115, 8-602, 8-3002, 8-3003, 8-3004, 8-3005, 8-3007, 3 8-3008, 8-3011, 8-3012, 8-3013, 8-3014, 8-3015, 8-3016, 8-3017, 4 8-3018, 8-3019, 8-3020, 8-3021, 8-3022, 8-3023, 8-3025, 8-3026, 8-3028, and 8-3030, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to 5 6 redefine terms; to change and eliminate provisions relating to 7 appeals, digital asset depositories, digital asset depository accounts, charters, conditions to commence business, customers, 8 9 required reports, surety bonds, voluntary dissolution, financial institutions, legislative findings and declarations, and powers and 10 duties of the Director of Banking and Finance; to adopt updates to 11 12 federal law relating to digital asset depositories and digital asset 13 depository customers; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the 14 original sections; and to declare an emergency.
- 15 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- 1 Section 1. Section 8-101.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 8-101.03 For purposes of the Nebraska Banking Act, unless the
- 4 context otherwise requires:
- 5 (1) Access device means a code, a transaction card, or any other
- 6 means of access to a customer's account, or any combination thereof, that
- 7 may be used by a customer for the purpose of initiating an electronic
- 8 funds transfer at an automatic teller machine or a point-of-sale
- 9 terminal;
- 10 (2) Acquiring financial institution means any financial institution
- 11 establishing a point-of-sale terminal;
- 12 (3) Automatic teller machine means a machine established and located
- in the State of Nebraska, whether attended or unattended, which utilizes
- 14 electronic, sound, or mechanical signals or impulses, or any combination
- 15 thereof, and from which electronic funds transfers may be initiated and
- 16 at which banking transactions as defined in section 8-157.01 may be
- 17 conducted. An unattended automatic teller machine shall not be deemed to
- 18 be a branch operated by a financial institution;
- 19 (4) Automatic teller machine surcharge means a fee that an operator
- 20 of an automatic teller machine imposes upon a consumer for an electronic
- 21 funds transfer, if such operator is not the financial institution that
- 22 holds an account of such consumer from which the electronic funds
- 23 transfer is to be made;
- 24 (5) Bank or banking corporation means any incorporated banking
- 25 institution which was incorporated under the laws of this state as they
- 26 existed prior to May 9, 1933, and any corporation duly organized under
- 27 the laws of this state for the purpose of conducting a bank within this
- 28 state under the act. Bank means any such banking institution which is, in
- 29 addition to the exercise of other powers, following the practice of
- 30 repaying deposits upon check, draft, or order and of making loans. Bank
- 31 or banking corporation includes a digital asset depository institution as

- 1 defined in section 8-3003. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
- 2 subdivision, a digital asset depository institution is subject to the
- 3 provisions of subdivision (2)(b) of section 8-3005;
- 4 (6)(a) Bank subsidiary means a corporation or limited liability
- 5 company that:
- 6 (i) Has a bank as a shareholder, member, or investor; and
- 7 (ii) Is organized for purposes of engaging in activities which are
- 8 part of the business of banking or incidental to such business except for
- 9 the receipt of deposits.
- 10 (b) A bank subsidiary may include a corporation organized under the
- 11 Nebraska Financial Innovation Act.
- 12 (c) A bank subsidiary is not to be considered a branch of its bank
- 13 shareholder;
- 14 (7) Capital or capital stock means capital stock;
- 15 (8) Data processing center means a facility, wherever located, at
- 16 which electronic impulses or other indicia of a transaction originating
- 17 at an automatic teller machine are received and either authorized or
- 18 routed to a switch or other data processing center in order to enable the
- 19 automatic teller machine to perform any function for which it is
- 20 designed;
- 21 (9) Department means the Department of Banking and Finance;
- 22 (10) Digital asset depository means a financial institution that
- 23 securely holds liquid assets when such assets are in the form of
- 24 controllable electronic records, either as a corporation organized,
- 25 chartered, and operated pursuant to the Nebraska Financial Innovation Act
- 26 as a digital asset depository institution, or a financial institution
- 27 operating a digital asset depository business as a digital asset
- 28 depository department under a charter granted grant of authority by the
- 29 director;
- 30 (11) Director means the Director of Banking and Finance;
- 31 (12) Financial institution means a bank, savings bank, building and

- 1 loan association, savings and loan association, or credit union, whether
- 2 chartered by the United States, the department, or a foreign state
- 3 agency; any other similar organization which is covered by federal
- 4 deposit insurance; a trust company; or a digital asset depository that is
- 5 not a digital asset depository institution;
- 6 (13) Financial institution employees includes parent holding company
- 7 and affiliate employees;
- 8 (14) Foreign state agency means any duly constituted regulatory or
- 9 supervisory agency which has authority over financial institutions and
- 10 which is created under the laws of any other state, any territory of the
- 11 United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Trust Territory of
- 12 the Pacific Islands, or the Virgin Islands or which is operating under
- 13 the code of law for the District of Columbia;
- 14 (15) Impulse means an electronic, sound, or mechanical impulse, or
- 15 any combination thereof;
- 16 (16) Insolvent means a condition in which (a) the actual cash market
- 17 value of the assets of a bank is insufficient to pay its liabilities to
- 18 its depositors, (b) a bank is unable to meet the demands of its creditors
- 19 in the usual and customary manner, (c) a bank, after demand in writing by
- 20 the director, fails to make good any deficiency in its reserves as
- 21 required by law, or (d) the stockholders of a bank, after written demand
- 22 by the director, fail to make good an impairment of its capital or
- 23 surplus;
- 24 (17) Making loans includes advances or credits that are initiated by
- 25 means of credit card or other transaction card. Transaction card and
- 26 other transactions, including transactions made pursuant to prior
- 27 agreements, may be brought about and transmitted by means of an
- 28 electronic impulse. Such loan transactions including transactions made
- 29 pursuant to prior agreements shall be subject to sections 8-815 to 8-829
- 30 and shall be deemed loans made at the place of business of the financial
- 31 institution;

- 1 (18) Order includes orders transmitted by electronic transmission;
- 2 (19) Point-of-sale terminal means an information processing terminal
- 3 which utilizes electronic, sound, or mechanical signals or impulses, or
- 4 any combination thereof, which are transmitted to a financial institution
- 5 or which are recorded for later transmission to effectuate electronic
- 6 funds transfer transactions for the purchase or payment of goods and
- 7 services and which are initiated by an access device. A point-of-sale
- 8 terminal is not a branch operated by a financial institution. Any
- 9 terminal owned or operated by a seller of goods and services shall be
- 10 connected directly or indirectly to an acquiring financial institution;
- 11 and
- 12 (20) Switch means any facility where electronic impulses or other
- 13 indicia of a transaction originating at an automatic teller machine are
- 14 received and are routed and transmitted to a financial institution or
- 15 data processing center, wherever located. A switch may also be a data
- 16 processing center.
- 17 Sec. 2. Section 8-115, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 18 amended to read:
- 19 8-115 No corporation shall conduct a bank or digital asset
- 20 depository in this state without having first obtained a charter or under
- 21 a grant of authority in the case of a digital asset depository in the
- 22 manner provided in the Nebraska Banking Act or the Nebraska Financial
- 23 Innovation Act, respectively.
- 24 Sec. 3. Section 8-602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 25 amended to read:
- 26 8-602 The Director of Banking and Finance shall charge and collect
- 27 fees for certain services rendered by the Department of Banking and
- 28 Finance according to the following schedule:
- 29 (1) For filing and examining articles of incorporation, articles of
- 30 association, and bylaws, except credit unions, one hundred dollars, and
- 31 for credit unions, fifty dollars;

- 1 (2) For filing and examining an amendment to articles of
- 2 incorporation, articles of association, and bylaws, except credit unions,
- 3 fifty dollars, and for credit unions, fifteen dollars;
- 4 (3) For issuing to banks, credit card banks, trust companies, and
- 5 building and loan associations a charter, authority, or license to do
- 6 business in this state, a sum which shall be determined on the basis of
- 7 one dollar and fifty cents for each one thousand dollars of authorized
- 8 capital, except that the minimum fee in each case shall be two hundred
- 9 twenty-five dollars;
- 10 (4) For issuing to digital asset depositories under the Nebraska
- 11 Financial Innovation Act a charter<del>, an authority, or a license</del> to do
- 12 business in this state, the sum of fifty thousand dollars;
- 13 (5) For issuing an executive officer's or loan officer's license,
- 14 fifty dollars at the time of the initial license, except credit unions
- 15 for which the fee shall be twenty-five dollars at the time of the initial
- 16 license;
- 17 (6) For affixing certificate and seal, five dollars;
- 18 (7) For making substitution of securities held by it and issuing a
- 19 receipt, fifteen dollars;
- 20 (8) For issuing a certificate of approval to a credit union, ten
- 21 dollars;
- 22 (9) For investigating the applications required by sections 8-117,
- 23 8-120, 8-331, and 8-2402 and the documents required by section 8-201, the
- 24 cost of such examination, investigation, and inspection, including all
- 25 legal expenses and the cost of any hearing transcript, with a minimum fee
- 26 under (a) sections 8-117, 8-120, and 8-2402 of two thousand five hundred
- 27 dollars, (b) section 8-331 of two thousand dollars, and (c) section 8-201
- 28 of one thousand dollars. The department may require the applicant to
- 29 procure and give a surety bond in such principal amount as the department
- 30 may determine and conditioned for the payment of the fees provided in
- 31 this subdivision;

- 1 (10) For the handling of pledged securities as provided in sections
- 2 8-210, and 8-2727, and 8-3022 at the time of the initial deposit of such
- 3 securities, one dollar and fifty cents for each thousand dollars of
- 4 securities deposited and a like amount on or before January 15 each year
- 5 thereafter. The fees shall be paid by the entity pledging the securities;
- 6 (11) For investigating an application to move its location within
- 7 the city or village limits of its original license or charter for banks,
- 8 trust companies, and building and loan associations, two hundred fifty
- 9 dollars;
- 10 (12) For investigating an application under subdivision (6) of
- 11 section 8-115.01, five hundred dollars;
- 12 (13) For investigating an application for approval to establish or
- 13 acquire a branch pursuant to section 8-157 or 8-2103 or to establish a
- 14 mobile branch pursuant to section 8-157, two hundred fifty dollars;
- 15 (14) For investigating a notice of acquisition of control under
- 16 subsection (1) of section 8-1502, five hundred dollars;
- 17 (15) For investigating an application for a cross-industry merger
- 18 under section 8-1510, five hundred dollars;
- 19 (16) For investigating an application for a merger of two state
- 20 banks, a merger of a state bank and a national bank in which the state
- 21 bank is the surviving entity, or an interstate merger application in
- 22 which the Nebraska state chartered bank is the resulting bank, five
- 23 hundred dollars;
- 24 (17) For investigating an application or a notice to establish a
- 25 branch trust office, five hundred dollars;
- 26 (18) For investigating an application or a notice to establish a
- 27 representative trust office, five hundred dollars;
- 28 (19) For investigating an application to establish a credit union
- 29 branch under section 21-1725.01, two hundred fifty dollars;
- 30 (20) For investigating an applicant under section 8-1513, five
- 31 thousand dollars;

- 1 (21) For investigating a request to extend a conditional bank
- 2 charter under section 8-117, one thousand dollars; and
- 3 (22) For investigating an application to establish a branch office,
- 4 for a merger or an acquisition of control, or for a request to extend a
- 5 conditional charter for a digital asset depository, five hundred dollars.
- 6 Sec. 4. Section 8-3002, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 7 amended to read:
- 8 8-3002 The Legislature finds and declares that:
- 9 (1) Economic development initiatives demand buy-in and input from
- 10 community stakeholders across multiple industries. The Legislature should
- 11 send a strong message that Nebraska wants to bring high-tech jobs and
- 12 digital asset operations to our state. Nebraska has an incredible
- opportunity to be a leader in this emerging technology;
- 14 (2) Nebraska desires to create an entrepreneurial ecosystem where
- 15 young talent can be paired with private investors in order to create
- 16 jobs, enhance our quality of life, and prevent the brain drain that is
- 17 particularly acute in rural Nebraska. If Nebraska does not make
- 18 intentional and meaningful changes to how it recruits and retains young
- 19 people, Nebraska will be left behind;
- 20 (3) The rapid innovation of blockchain and digital ledger
- 21 technology, including the growing use of virtual currency, digital
- 22 assets, and other controllable electronic records has complicated the
- 23 development of blockchain services and products in the marketplace;
- 24 (4) Blockchain innovators are able and willing to address banking
- 25 compliance challenges such as federal customer identification, anti-money
- 26 laundering, and beneficial ownership requirements to comply with
- 27 regulators' concerns;
- 28 (5) Compliance with federal and state laws, including, but not
- 29 limited to, know-your-customer and anti-money-laundering rules and the
- 30 federal Bank Secrecy Act, is critical to ensuring the future growth and
- 31 reputation of the blockchain and technology industries as a whole; and

- 1 (6) Authorizing digital asset depositories in Nebraska will provide
- 2 a necessary and valuable service to blockchain innovators and customers,
- 3 emphasize Nebraska's partnership with the technology and financial
- 4 industries industry, safely grow this state's ever-evolving financial
- 5 sector, and afford more opportunities for Nebraska residents.
- 6 Sec. 5. Section 8-3003, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 7 amended to read:
- 8 8-3003 For purposes of the Nebraska Financial Innovation Act:
- 9 (1) Blockchain means a distributed digital record of controllable
- 10 electronic record transactions;
- 11 (2) Centralized finance means centralized digital asset exchanges,
- 12 businesses, or organizations with a valid physical address;
- 13 (3) Control has the following meaning:
- 14 (a) A person has control of a controllable electronic record if:
- 15 (i) The following conditions are met:
- 16 (A) The controllable electronic record or the system in which it is
- 17 recorded, if any, gives the person:
- 18 (I) The power to derive substantially all the benefit from the
- 19 controllable electronic record;
- 20 (II) Subject to subdivision (b) of this subdivision, the exclusive
- 21 power to prevent others from deriving substantially all the benefit from
- 22 the controllable electronic record; and
- 23 (III) Subject to subdivision (b) of this subdivision, the exclusive
- 24 power to transfer control of the controllable electronic record to
- 25 another person or cause another person to obtain control of a
- 26 controllable electronic record that derives from the controllable
- 27 electronic record; and
- 28 (B) The controllable electronic record, a record attached to or
- 29 logically associated with the controllable electronic record, or the
- 30 system in which the controllable electronic record is recorded, if any,
- 31 enables the person to readily identify itself as having the powers

- 1 specified in subdivision (a)(i) of this subdivision; or
- 2 (ii) Another person obtains control of the controllable electronic
- 3 record on behalf of the person, or having previously obtained control of
- 4 the controllable electronic record, acknowledges that it has control on
- 5 behalf of the person.
- 6 (b) A power specified in subdivisions (3)(a)(i)(A)(II) or (III) of
- 7 this section can be exclusive, even if:
- 8 (i) The controllable electronic record or the system in which it is
- 9 recorded, if any, limits the use to which the controllable electronic
- 10 record may be put or has protocols that are programmed to result in a
- 11 transfer of control; and
- 12 (ii) The person has agreed to share the power with another person.
- (c) For the purposes of subdivision (3)(a)(i)(B) of this section, a
- 14 person may be identified in any way, including by name, identifying
- 15 number, cryptographic key, office, or account number;
- 16 (4) Controllable electronic borrowing means the act of receiving
- 17 digital assets or the use of digital assets from a lender in exchange for
- 18 the payment to the lender of digital assets, interest, fees, or rewards;
- 19 (5) Controllable electronic record means an electronic record that
- 20 can be subjected to control. The term has the same meaning as digital
- 21 asset and does not include electronic chattel paper, electronic
- 22 documents, investment property, and transferable records under the
- 23 Uniform Electronic Transactions Act;
- 24 (6) Controllable electronic record exchange means a business that
- 25 allows customers to purchase, sell, convert, send, receive, or trade
- 26 digital assets for other digital assets;
- 27 (7) Controllable electronic record lending means the act of
- 28 providing digital assets to a borrower in exchange for digital assets,
- 29 interest, fees, or rewards;
- 30 (8) Controllable electronic records staking means the act of
- 31 pledging a digital asset or token with an expectation of gaining digital

- 1 assets, interest, fees, or other rewards on such act;
- 2 (9) Customer means a digital asset depositor or digital asset
- 3 account holder;
- 4 (10) Decentralized finance means digital asset exchanges,
- 5 businesses, or organizations operating independently on blockchains;
- 6 (11) Department means the Department of Banking and Finance;
- 7 (12) Digital asset depository means a financial institution that
- 8 securely holds liquid assets when such assets are in the form of
- 9 controllable electronic records, either as a corporation organized,
- 10 chartered, and operated pursuant to the Nebraska Financial Innovation Act
- 11 as a digital asset depository institution or a financial institution
- 12 operating a digital asset depository business as a digital asset
- 13 depository department under a <u>charter granted</u> grant of authority by the
- 14 director;
- 15 (13) Digital asset depository department means a financial
- 16 institution operating a digital asset depository business as a digital
- 17 asset depository department under a <u>charter granted</u> <del>grant of authority</del> by
- 18 the director;
- 19 (14) Digital asset depository institution means a corporation
- 20 operating a digital asset depository business organized and chartered
- 21 pursuant to the Nebraska Financial Innovation Act;
- 22 (15) Director means the Director of Banking and Finance;
- 23 (16) Financial institution means a bank, savings bank, building and
- 24 loan association, or savings and loan association, whether chartered by
- 25 the United States, the department, or a foreign state agency; or a trust
- 26 company;
- 27 (17) Fork means a change to the protocol of a blockchain network;
- 28 (18) Independent node verification network means a shared electronic
- 29 database where copies of the same information are stored on multiple
- 30 computers; and
- 31 (19) Stablecoin means a controllable electronic record

1 cryptocurrency designed to have a stable value that is backed by a

- 2 reserve asset.
- 3 Sec. 6. Section 8-3004, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 8-3004 The director shall have the power to issue to corporations
- 6 desiring to transact business as a digital asset depository institution
- 7 charters of authority to transact digital asset depository business as
- 8 defined in the Nebraska Financial Innovation Act. The director shall have
- 9 general supervision and control over such digital asset depositories.
- Sec. 7. Section 8-3005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 11 amended to read:
- 12 8-3005 (1)(a) A digital asset depository may:
- 13 (i) Make contracts as a corporation under Nebraska law;
- 14 (ii) Sue and be sued;
- 15 (iii) Receive notes as permitted by federal law;
- 16 (iv) Carry on a nonlending digital asset banking business for
- 17 customers, consistent with subdivision (2)(b) of this section;
- 18 (v) Provide payment services upon the request of a customer; and
- 19 (vi) Make an application to become a member bank of the federal
- 20 reserve system.
- 21 (b) A digital asset depository shall maintain its main office and
- 22 the primary office of its chief executive officer in Nebraska.
- 23 (c) As otherwise authorized by this section, a digital asset
- 24 depository may conduct business with customers outside this state.
- 25 (2)(a) A digital asset depository institution, consistent with the
- 26 Nebraska Financial Innovation Act, shall be organized as a corporation
- 27 under the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act to exercise the powers
- 28 set forth in subsection (1) of this section.
- 29 (b) A digital asset depository institution shall not accept demand
- 30 deposits of United States currency or United States currency that may be
- 31 accessed or withdrawn by check or similar means for payment to third

- 1 parties and except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a digital 2 asset depository institution shall not make any consumer loans for personal, property or household purposes, mortgage loans, or commercial 3 loans of any fiat currency including, but not limited to, United States 4 currency, including the provision of temporary credit relating to 5 overdrafts. Notwithstanding this prohibition against fiat currency 6 7 lending by a digital asset depository institution, a digital asset depository institution may facilitate the provision of digital asset 8 business services resulting from the interaction of customers with 9 centralized finance or decentralized finance platforms including, but not 10 11 limited to, controllable electronic record exchange, staking, controllable electronic record lending, and controllable electronic 12 record borrowing. A digital asset depository institution may purchase 13 debt obligations specified by subdivision (2)(c) of section 8-3009. 14
- 15 (c) A Subject to the laws of the host state, a digital asset 16 depository institution may open a branch in this state or in another state in the manner set forth in section 8-157 or 8-2303. A branch in 17 another state is subject to the laws of the host state. A digital asset 18 depository institution, including any branch of the digital asset 19 depository institution, may only accept digital asset deposits or provide 20 other digital asset business services under the Nebraska Financial 21 Innovation Act to individual customers or a customer that is a legal 22 23 entity other than a natural person engaged in a bona fide business which 24 is lawful under the laws of Nebraska, the laws of the host state if the entity is headquartered in another state, and federal law. 25
- 26 (3) The deposit limitations of subdivision (2)(a)(ii) of section 27 8-157 shall not apply to a digital asset depository.
- (4) Any United States currency coming into an account established by
  a customer of a digital asset depository institution shall be held in a
  financial institution, the deposits of which are insured by the Federal
  Deposit Insurance Corporation, which maintained a main-chartered office

- 1 in this state, any branch thereof in this state, or any branch of the
- 2 financial institution which maintained the main-chartered office in this
- 3 state prior to becoming a branch of such financial institution.
- 4 (5) A digital asset depository institution shall establish and
- 5 maintain programs for compliance with the federal Bank Secrecy Act, in
- 6 accordance with 12 C.F.R. 208.63, as the act and rule existed on January
- 7 1, <u>2023</u> <del>2022</del>.
- 8 (6) A digital asset depository shall help meet the digital financial
- 9 needs of the communities in which it operates, consistent with safe and
- 10 sound operations, and shall maintain and update a public file available
- 11 <u>to any person on request</u> and on any Internet website <u>or mobile</u>
- 12 <u>application</u> it maintains containing specific information about its
- 13 efforts to meet community needs, including:
- 14 (a) The collection and reporting of data;
- 15 (b) Its policies and procedures for accepting and responding to
- 16 consumer complaints; and
- 17 (c) Its efforts to assist with financial literacy or personal
- 18 finance programs to increase knowledge and skills of Nebraska students in
- 19 areas such as <u>digital assets</u>, budgeting, credit, checking and savings
- 20 accounts, loans, stocks, and insurance.
- 21 Sec. 8. Section 8-3007, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 22 amended to read:
- 23 8-3007 (1) No customer shall open or maintain an account with a
- 24 digital asset depository or otherwise receive any services from the
- 25 digital asset depository unless the customer meets the criteria of this
- 26 subsection. A customer shall:
- 27 (a) Make sufficient evidence available to the digital asset
- 28 depository to enable compliance with anti-money laundering, customer
- 29 identification, and beneficial ownership requirements, as determined by
- 30 the federal Bank Secrecy Act guidance and the policies and practices of
- 31 the institution; and

- 1 (b) If the customer is a legal entity other than a natural person:
- 2 (i) Be in good standing with the jurisdiction in the United States
- 3 in which it is incorporated or organized; and
- 4 (ii) Be engaged in a business that is lawful and bona fide in
- 5 Nebraska, in the host state, if applicable, and under federal law
- 6 consistent with subsection (3) of this section.
- 7 (2) A customer which meets the criteria of subsection (1) of this
- 8 section may be issued a digital asset depository account and otherwise
- 9 receive services from the digital asset depository, contingent on the
- 10 digital asset depository maintaining availability of sufficient insurance
- 11 under subsection (5) of section 8-3023.
- 12 (3) Consistent with subdivisions (1)(a)(iv) and (v) of section
- 13 8-3005, and in addition to any requirements specified by federal law, a
- 14 digital asset depository shall require that any potential customer that
- is a legal entity other than a natural person provide reasonable evidence
- 16 that the entity is engaged in a business that is lawful and bona fide in
- 17 Nebraska, in the host state, <u>if applicable</u>, and under federal law or is
- 18 likely to open a lawful, bona fide business within a federal Bank Secrecy
- 19 Act compliant timeframe, as the act existed on January 1, 2023 2022. For
- 20 purposes of this subsection, reasonable evidence includes business entity
- 21 filings, articles of incorporation or organization, bylaws, operating
- 22 agreements, business plans, promotional materials, financing agreements,
- 23 or other evidence.
- 24 Sec. 9. Section 8-3008, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 25 amended to read:
- 26 8-3008 The terms and conditions of a customer's digital asset
- 27 depository account at a digital asset depository shall be disclosed at
- 28 the time the customer contracts for a digital asset business service.
- 29 Such disclosure shall be full and complete, contain no material
- 30 misrepresentations, be in readily understandable language, and shall
- 31 include, as appropriate and to the extent applicable:

- 1 (1) A schedule of fees and charges the digital asset depository may
- 2 assess, the manner by which fees and charges will be calculated if they
- 3 are not set in advance and disclosed, and the timing of the fees and
- 4 charges;
- 5 (2) A statement that the customer's digital asset depository account
- 6 is not protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;
- 7 (3) A statement whether there is support for forked networks of each
- 8 digital asset;
- 9 (4) A statement that investment in digital assets is volatile and
- 10 subject to market loss;
- 11 (5) A statement that investment in digital assets may result in
- 12 total loss of value;
- 13 (6) A statement that legal, legislative, and regulatory changes may
- 14 <u>impact</u> impair the value of digital assets;
- 15 (7) A statement that customers should perform research before
- 16 investing in digital assets;
- 17 (8) A statement that transfers of digital assets are irrevocable, if
- 18 applicable;
- 19 (9) A statement <u>as to how liability for an unauthorized, mistaken,</u>
- 20 or accidental transfer shall be apportioned;
- 21 (10) A statement that digital assets are not legal tender in any
- 22 jurisdiction;
- 23 (11) A statement that digital assets may be subject to cyber theft
- 24 or theft and become unrecoverable;
- 25 (12) A statement about who maintains control, ownership, and access
- 26 to any private key related to a digital assets customer's digital asset
- 27 account; and
- 28 (13) A statement that losing private key information may result in
- 29 permanent total loss of access to digital assets.
- 30 Sec. 10. Section 8-3011, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 31 amended to read:

- 1 8-3011 (1) With respect to all digital asset business activities, a 2 digital asset depository shall display and include in all advertising, in 3 all marketing materials, on any Internet website or mobile application it maintains, and at each window or place where it accepts digital asset 4 5 deposits, (a) a notice conspicuously stating that digital asset deposits and digital asset accounts are not insured by the Federal Deposit 6 Insurance Corporation, if applicable, and (b) the following conspicuous 7 8 statement: Holdings of digital assets are speculative and involve a substantial degree of risk, including the risk of complete loss. There is 9 no assurance that any digital asset will be viable, liquid, or solvent. 10 Nothing in this communication is intended to imply that any digital asset 11 held in custody by a digital asset depository is low-risk or risk-free. 12 13 Digital assets held in custody are not guaranteed by a digital asset 14 depository and are not FDIC insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. 15
- (2) Upon opening a digital asset depository account, and if applicable, a digital asset depository shall require each customer to execute a statement acknowledging that all digital asset deposits at the digital asset depository are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The digital asset depository shall permanently retain this acknowledgment, whether in electronic form or as a signature card.
- Sec. 11. Section 8-3012, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 8-3012 (1) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (5) of this section, five or more adult persons, including at least one Nebraska resident, may form a digital asset depository institution. The incorporators shall subscribe the articles of incorporation and transmit them and the bylaws of the digital asset depository to the director as part of an application for a charter under section 8-3015.
- 30 (2) The articles of incorporation shall include the following 31 information:

- 1 (a) The corporate name;
- 2 (b) The object for which the corporation is organized;
- 3 (c) The term of its existence, which may be perpetual;
- 4 (d) The place in Nebraska where its main office shall be physically
- 5 located and its operations conducted;
- 6 (e) The amount of capital stock and the number of shares;
- 7 (f) The name and residence of each shareholder subscribing to more
- 8 than ten percent of the stock and the number of shares owned by that
- 9 shareholder;
- 10 (g) The number of directors and the names of those who shall manage
- 11 the affairs of the corporation for the first year; and
- 12 (h) A statement that the articles of incorporation are made to
- 13 enable the incorporators to avail themselves of the advantages of the
- 14 laws of the state.
- 15 (3) Copies of all amended articles of incorporation <u>and bylaws</u> shall
- 16 be filed in the same manner as the original articles of incorporation and
- 17 bylaws.
- 18 (4) The incorporators shall solicit capital prior to filing an
- 19 application for a charter with the director, consistent with section
- 20 8-3013. In the event an application for a charter is not filed or is
- 21 denied by the director, all capital shall be promptly returned without
- 22 loss.
- 23 (5) Subject to federal and state law, a bank holding company may
- 24 apply to hold a digital asset depository institution.
- 25 Sec. 12. Section 8-3013, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 26 amended to read:
- 27 8-3013 (1) The capital stock of each digital asset depository
- 28 institution chartered under the Nebraska Financial Innovation Act shall
- 29 be subscribed for as paid-up stock. No digital asset depository
- 30 institution shall be chartered with capital stock of less than ten
- 31 million dollars.

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- 1 (2) No digital asset depository institution shall commence business
  2 until the full amount of its authorized capital is subscribed and all
  3 capital stock is fully paid in. No digital asset depository institution
  4 may be chartered without a paid-up surplus fund of at least three years
  5 of estimated operating expenses in the amount disclosed pursuant to
  6 subsection (2) of section 8-3015 or in another amount required by the
- 8 (3) A digital asset depository institution may acquire additional 9 capital prior to the granting of a charter and shall report this capital 10 as an amendment to in its charter application.
- 11 Sec. 13. Section 8-3014, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 12 amended to read:
- 8-3014 (1) Any financial institution, having adopted or amended its articles of incorporation to authorize the conduct of a digital asset depository business may be further chartered by the director to transact a digital asset depository business in a digital asset depository department in connection with such financial institution.
- 18 (2) The director has the authority to issue to financial institutions amendments to their charters of authority to transact a digital asset depository business, and has general supervision and control over such digital asset depository departments of financial institutions, and may require the injection of additional capital.
- (3) The director, before granting to any financial institution the right to operate a digital asset depository department, shall require such financial institution to make an application for amendment of its charter, setting forth such information as the director may require.
- (4) A digital asset depository department of a financial institution
  when chartered under subsection (1) of this section shall be separate and
  apart from every other department of the financial institution and shall
  have all of the powers, duties, and obligations of a digital asset
  depository institution as set forth in the Nebraska Financial Innovation

- 1 Act.
- 2 (5) Any financial institution authorized to transact a digital asset
- 3 depository business in a digital asset depository department pursuant to
- 4 subsection (1) of this section may conduct such digital asset depository
- 5 business at the office of any financial institution which is a subsidiary
- 6 of the same bank holding company as the authorized financial institution.
- 7 (6) A financial institution may deposit or have on deposit funds of
- 8 an account controlled by the financial institution's digital asset
- 9 depository department unless prohibited by applicable law.
- 10 Sec. 14. Section 8-3015, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 11 amended to read:
- 12 8-3015 (1) No corporation shall act as a digital asset depository
- 13 without first obtaining authority or a charter to operate from the
- 14 director under the Nebraska Financial Innovation Act.
- 15 (2) The incorporators under section 8-3012 shall apply to the
- 16 director for a charter. The application shall contain the digital asset
- 17 depository institution's articles of incorporation, bylaws, a detailed
- 18 business plan, a comprehensive estimate of operating expenses for the
- 19 first three years of operation, a complete proposal for compliance with
- 20 the provisions of the Nebraska Financial Innovation Act, evidence of the
- 21 capital and surplus required under section 8-3013, and any investors or
- 22 owners holding ten percent or more equity in the digital asset depository
- 23 institution. The director may prescribe the form of application.
- 24 (3) A financial institution may apply to the director for <u>a charter</u>
- 25 authority to operate a digital asset depository business as a department.
- 26 The application shall contain a detailed business plan, a comprehensive
- 27 estimate of operating expenses for the first three years of operation,
- 28 and a complete proposal for compliance with the provisions of the
- 29 Nebraska Financial Innovation Act. The director may prescribe the form of
- 30 application.
- 31 (4) Each application for a charter or authority shall be accompanied

- 1 by an application fee of fifty thousand dollars.
- 2 Sec. 15. Section 8-3016, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 8-3016 (1) After a substantially complete application for a digital
- 5 asset depository <u>institution charter</u> authority or a digital asset
- 6 depository <u>department</u> institution charter has been submitted, the
- 7 director shall notify the applicants in writing within thirty calendar
- 8 days of any deficiency in the required information or that the
- 9 application has been accepted for filing. When the director is satisfied
- 10 that all required information has been furnished, the director shall
- 11 establish a time and place for a public hearing which shall be conducted
- 12 not less than sixty days, nor more than one hundred twenty days, after
- 13 notice from the director to the applicants that the application is in
- 14 order.
- 15 (2) Within thirty days after receipt of notice of the time and place
- 16 of the public hearing, the department shall cause notice of filing of the
- 17 application and the hearing to be published at the applicant's
- 18 applicants' expense in a newspaper of general circulation within the
- 19 county where the proposed digital asset depository is to be located.
- 20 Publication shall be made at least once a week for three consecutive
- 21 weeks before the hearing, stating the proposed location of the digital
- 22 asset depository, the names of the applicants for a charter, the nature
- 23 of the activities to be conducted by the proposed digital asset
- 24 depository, and other information required by rule and regulation. The
- 25 director shall electronically send notice of the hearing to state and
- 26 national banks, federal savings and loan associations, state and federal
- 27 credit unions, and other financial institutions in the state, federal
- 28 agencies, and financial industry trade groups.
- 29 Sec. 16. Section 8-3017, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 30 amended to read:
- 31 8-3017 The hearing <u>required by section 8-3016</u> for a charter

- 1 application or for authority to operate a digital asset depository shall
- 2 be conducted under the Administrative Procedure Act and shall comply with
- 3 the requirements of the act.
- 4 Sec. 17. Section 8-3018, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 5 amended to read:
- 6 8-3018 Upon receiving an the application for a charter to become a
- 7 digital asset depository institution, or for a charter authority to
- 8 operate a digital asset depository department, the applicable fee, and
- 9 other information required by the director, the director shall make a
- 10 careful investigation and examination of the following:
- 11 (1) The character, reputation, criminal record, financial standing,
- 12 and ability of the shareholders owning ten percent or more equity in the
- 13 applicant;
- 14 (2) The character, financial responsibility, criminal background,
- 15 banking or other financial experience, and business qualifications of
- 16 those proposed as officers and directors;
- 17 (3) Whether the applicant or any of its officers, directors, or
- 18 shareholders owning ten percent or more equity in the applicant have ever
- 19 been convicted of any (i) misdemeanor involving any aspect of a digital
- 20 asset depository business or any business of a similar nature or (ii)
- 21 felony;
- 22 (4) Whether the applicant or any of its officers, directors, or
- 23 shareholders owning ten percent or more equity in the applicant have ever
- 24 been permanently or temporarily enjoined by a court of competent
- 25 jurisdiction from engaging in or continuing any conduct or practice
- 26 involving any aspect of a digital asset depository business or any
- 27 business of a similar nature;
- 28 (5) A criminal history record information check of the applicant,
- 29 its officers, directors, and shareholders owning ten percent or more
- 30 equity in the applicant. The direct cost of the criminal history record
- 31 information check shall be paid by the applicant; and

- 1 (6) The application for a charter, or for authority to operate a
- 2 digital asset depository, including the adequacy and plausibility of the
- 3 business plan of the digital asset depository, the benefits to the
- 4 customers, and whether the applicant has offered a complete proposal for
- 5 compliance with the Nebraska Financial Innovation Act.
- 6 Sec. 18. Section 8-3019, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 7 amended to read:
- 8 8-3019 (1) Within ninety days after receipt of the transcript of the
- 9 public hearing, the director shall render a decision on the application
- 10 based on the following criteria and requirements:
- 11 (a) Whether the character, reputation, criminal record, financial
- 12 standing, and ability of the shareholders owning ten percent or more
- 13 equity in the applicant are sufficient to afford reasonable promise of a
- 14 successful operation;
- (b) That the digital asset depository will be operated by officers
- 16 of integrity and responsibility;
- 17 (c) Whether the character, financial responsibility, criminal
- 18 background, and banking or other financial experience and business
- 19 qualifications of those proposed as officers and directors are sufficient
- 20 to afford reasonable promise of a successful operation;
- 21 (d) The adequacy and plausibility of the business plan of the
- 22 digital asset depository—institution, including the ongoing customer
- 23 expectations of the digital asset depository institution as determined by
- 24 the director;
- 25 (e) Compliance by the digital asset depository institution with the
- 26 capital and surplus requirements of section 8-3013;
- 27 (f) Whether the digital asset depository institution is being formed
- 28 for no other purpose than legitimate objectives authorized by law;
- 29 (g) That the name of the proposed digital asset depository
- 30 institution includes the words "digital asset bank" so that it does not
- 31 resemble the name of any other financial institution transacting business

- 1 in the state so as to cause confusion;
- 2 (h) That the digital asset depository will be operated in a safe and
- 3 sound manner to benefit its customers;
- 4 (i) That the digital asset depository shall help meet the digital
- 5 financial needs of the communities in which it operates, consistent with
- 6 safe and sound operations, and shall maintain and update a public file
- 7 and on any Internet website or mobile application it maintains containing
- 8 specific information about its efforts to meet community needs,
- 9 including:
- 10 (i) The collection and reporting of data;
- 11 (ii) Its policies and procedures for accepting and responding to
- 12 consumer complaints; and
- 13 (iii) Its efforts to assist with financial literacy or personal
- 14 finance programs to increase knowledge and skills of Nebraska students in
- 15 areas such as <u>digital assets</u>, budgeting, credit, checking and savings
- 16 accounts, loans, stocks, and insurance;
- 17 (j) Whether the applicants have complied with all provisions of
- 18 state law and are eligible to apply for membership in the federal reserve
- 19 system; and
- 20 (k) Any other considerations in addition to statutory requirements
- 21 submitted by the applicant pursuant to operational order, rules and
- 22 regulations, or request of the department.
- 23 (2) The director shall approve an application upon making favorable
- 24 findings on the criteria set forth in subsection (1) of this section. The
- 25 If necessary, the director may either conditionally approve an
- 26 application by specifying conditions relating to the criteria or may deny
- 27 disapprove the application. The director shall state findings of fact and
- 28 conclusions of law as part of such decision and . (3) If the director
- 29 approves the application, the director shall issue an order approving,
- 30 <u>conditionally approving, or denying the application</u>.
- 31 Sec. 19. Section 8-3020, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

- 1 amended to read:
- 2 8-3020 (1) If an application is approved, and a charter shall not be
- 3 issued and or authority is granted by the director under section 8-3019,
- 4 the digital asset depository shall not commence business before
- 5 satisfaction of all conditions precedent contained in the director's
- 6 order or conditional order.
- 7 (2) If an approved digital asset depository fails to commence
- 8 business in good faith within twelve months after the issuance of a
- 9 charter or an order of authority to operate by the director, the charter
- 10 or authority shall expire. The director, for good cause and upon an
- 11 application filed prior to the expiration of the <u>twelve-month</u> six-month
- 12 period, may extend the time within which the digital asset depository may
- 13 open for business.
- 14 Sec. 20. Section 8-3021, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 15 amended to read:
- 16 8-3021 Any decision of the department or director in approving,
- 17 conditionally approving, or denying disapproving a charter or authority
- 18 for a digital asset depository is appealable in accordance with the
- 19 Administrative Procedure Act.
- 20 Sec. 21. Section 8-3022, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 21 amended to read:
- 22 8-3022 (1) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (2) of this
- 23 section, a digital asset depository shall, before transacting any
- 24 business, pledge or furnish a surety bond to the director to cover costs
- 25 likely to be incurred by the director in a liquidation or conservatorship
- 26 of the digital asset depository. The amount of the surety bond or pledge
- 27 of assets under subsection (2) of this section shall be determined by the
- 28 director in an amount sufficient to defray the costs of a liquidation or
- 29 conservatorship.
- 30 (2) In lieu of a bond, a digital asset depository may irrevocably
- 31 pledge specified assets equivalent to a bond under subsection (1) of this

- 1 section. Any assets pledged to the director under this subsection shall
- 2 be held in a state or nationally chartered bank, trust company, federal
- 3 reserve bank, or savings and loan association having a principal or
- 4 branch office in this state, excluding affiliated institutions. All costs
- 5 associated with pledging and holding such assets are the responsibility
- 6 of the digital asset depository.
- 7 (3) Assets pledged to the director shall not include money and shall
- 8 be of the same nature and quality as those required under section 8-210.
- 9 (4) The digital asset depository shall have the right, with the
- 10 approval of the director, to substitute other securities for those
- 11 <u>deposited and shall be required to do so on written order of the director</u>
- 12 <u>made for good cause shown. The digital asset depository shall pay the</u>
- 13 fees prescribed in section 8-602 for pledging and substitution of
- 14 <u>securities</u>. So long as the digital asset depository so depositing shall
- 15 continue to be solvent and is not in violation of the Nebraska Financial
- 16 Innovation Act, such digital asset depository shall be permitted to
- 17 receive the interest or dividends on such deposit.
- 18 (5) (4) Surety bonds shall run to the State of Nebraska, and shall
- 19 be approved under the terms and conditions required under section 8-110.
- 20 (6) (5) The director may by order or rules and regulations establish
- 21 additional investment guidelines or investment options for purposes of
- 22 the pledge or surety bond required by this section.
- 23 (7) (6) In the event of a liquidation or conservatorship of a
- 24 digital asset depository pursuant to section 8-3027, the director may,
- 25 without regard to priorities, preferences, or adverse claims, reduce the
- 26 surety bond or assets pledged under this section to cash as soon as
- 27 practicable and utilize the cash to defray the costs associated with the
- 28 liquidation or conservatorship.
- 29 (8) (7) Income from assets pledged under subsection (2) of this
- 30 section shall be paid to the digital asset depository no less than
- 31 annually, unless a liquidation or conservatorship takes place.

- 1 (9) (8) Upon evidence that the amount of the current surety bond is
- 2 or pledged assets <u>is</u> are insufficient, the director may require a digital
- 3 asset depository to increase its surety bond or pledged assets by
- 4 providing not less than thirty days' written notice to the digital asset
- 5 depository.
- 6 Sec. 22. Section 8-3023, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 7 amended to read:
- 8 8-3023 (1) The director may call for reports verified under oath
- 9 from a digital asset depository at any time as necessary to inform the
- 10 director of the condition of the digital asset depository. Such reports
- 11 shall be available to the public.
- 12 (2) All reports required of a digital asset depository by the
- 13 director and all materials relating to examinations of a digital asset
- 14 depository shall be subject to the provisions of sections 8-103 and
- 15 8-108.
- 16 (3) Every digital asset depository is subject to examination by the
- 17 department to determine the condition and resources of a digital asset
- 18 depository, the mode of managing digital asset depository affairs and
- 19 conducting business, the actions of officers and directors in the
- 20 investment and disposition of funds, the safety and prudence of digital
- 21 asset depository management, compliance with the requirements of the
- 22 Nebraska Financial Innovation Act, and such other matters as the director
- 23 may require.
- 24 (4) A digital asset depository shall pay an assessment in a sum to
- 25 be determined by the director in accordance with section 8-601 and
- 26 approved by the Governor and the costs of any examination or
- 27 investigation as provided in sections 8-108 and 8-606.
- 28 (5) A digital asset depository shall maintain appropriate insurance
- 29 or a bond covering the operational risks of the digital asset depository,
- 30 which shall include coverage for directors' and officers' liability,
- 31 errors and omissions liability, and information technology infrastructure

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1 and activities liability, and business operations, as determined by the

- 2 director.
- 3 Sec. 23. Section 8-3025, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 8-3025 The director may suspend or revoke the charter or authority
- 6 of a digital asset depository if, after notice and opportunity for a
- 7 hearing, the director determines that:
- 8 (1) The digital asset depository has failed or refused to comply
- 9 with an order issued under section 8-1,136, 8-2504, or 8-2743;
- 10 (2) The application for a charter or authority contained a
- 11 materially false statement, misrepresentation, or omission; or
- 12 (3) An officer, a director, or an agent of the digital asset
- 13 depository, in connection with an application for a charter-or authority,
- 14 an examination, a report, or other document filed with the director,
- 15 knowingly made a materially false statement, misrepresentation, or
- 16 omission to the department, the director, or the duly authorized agent of
- 17 the department or director.
- 18 Sec. 24. Section 8-3026, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 19 amended to read:
- 20 8-3026 If the charter <del>or authority</del> of a digital asset depository is
- 21 surrendered, suspended, or revoked, the digital asset depository shall
- 22 continue to be subject to the provisions of the Nebraska Financial
- 23 Innovation Act during any liquidation or conservatorship.
- 24 Sec. 25. Section 8-3028, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 25 amended to read:
- 26 8-3028 (1) A digital asset depository <u>institution</u> may voluntarily
- 27 dissolve in accordance with this section. Voluntary dissolution shall be
- 28 accomplished by either liquidating the digital asset depository
- 29 <u>institution</u> or reorganizing the digital asset depository <u>institution</u> into
- 30 an appropriate business entity that does not engage in any activity
- 31 authorized only for a digital asset depository institution. Upon complete

- 1 liquidation or completion of the reorganization, the director shall
- 2 revoke the charter <del>or authority</del> of the digital asset depository
- 3 <u>institution</u>. Thereafter, the corporation or business entity shall not use
- 4 the words digital asset depository or digital asset bank in its business
- 5 name or in connection with its ongoing business.
- (2) A digital asset depository institution may dissolve its charter 6 either by liquidation or reorganization. The board of directors shall 7 file an application for dissolution with the director, accompanied by a 8 filing fee established by an order or the rules and regulations of the 9 director. The application shall include a comprehensive plan 10 dissolution setting forth the proposed disposition of all assets and 11 12 liabilities in reasonable detail to effect а liquidation reorganization, and any other plans required by the director. The plan of 13 dissolution shall provide for the discharge or assumption of all of the 14 known and unknown claims and liabilities of the digital asset depository 15 16 institution. Additionally, the application for dissolution shall include 17 other evidence, certifications, affidavits, documents, or information as the director may require, including demonstration of how assets and 18 liabilities will be disposed, the timetable for effecting disposition of 19 the assets and liabilities, and a proposal of the digital asset 20 depository institution for addressing any claims that are asserted after 21 22 dissolution has been completed. The director shall examine 23 application for compliance with this section, the business entity laws 24 applicable to the required type of dissolution, and applicable orders and rules and regulations. The director may conduct a special examination of 25 the digital asset depository institution, consistent with subsection (3) 26 of section 8-3023, for purposes of evaluating the application. 27
- (3) If the director finds that the application is incomplete, the director shall return it for completion not later than sixty days after it is filed. If the application is found to be complete by the director, the director shall approve or deny disapprove the application not later

1 than thirty days after it is filed. If the director approves the 2 application, the digital asset depository institution may proceed with the dissolution pursuant to the plan outlined in the application, subject 3 to any further conditions the director may prescribe. If the digital 4 asset depository institution subsequently determines that the plan of 5 dissolution needs to be amended to complete the dissolution, it shall 6 file an amended plan with the director and obtain approval to proceed 7 8 under the amended plan. If the director does not approve the application 9 or amended plan, the digital asset depository institution may appeal the decision to the director pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act. 10

- (4) Upon completion of all actions required under the plan of 11 12 dissolution and satisfaction of all conditions prescribed by the director, the digital asset depository institution shall submit a written 13 report of its actions to the director. The report shall contain a 14 certification made under oath that the report is true and correct. 15 16 Following receipt of the report, the director, no later than sixty days after the filing of the report, shall examine the digital asset 17 depository institution to determine whether the director is satisfied 18 that all required actions have been taken in accordance with the plan of 19 dissolution and any conditions prescribed by the director. If all 20 requirements and conditions have been met, the director shall, within 21 thirty days of the examination, notify the digital asset depository 22 23 institution in writing that the dissolution has been completed and issue 24 an order of dissolution.
- (5) Upon receiving an order of dissolution, the digital asset 25 depository institution shall surrender its charter to the director. The 26 digital asset depository institution shall then file articles of 27 dissolution and other documents required by sections 21-2,184 to 21-2,201 28 for a corporation with the Secretary of State. In the case of 29 reorganization, the digital asset depository institution shall file the 30 31 documents required by the Secretary of State to finalize the

- 1 reorganization.
- (6) If the director determines that all required actions under the 2 plan for dissolution, or as otherwise required by the director, have not 3 been completed, the director shall notify the digital asset depository 4 5 institution, not later than thirty days after this determination, in writing, of what additional actions shall be taken in order for the 6 institution to be eligible for a certificate of dissolution. The director 7 shall establish a reasonable deadline of up to thirty days for the 8 9 submission of evidence that additional actions have been taken and the director may extend any deadline upon good cause. If the digital asset 10 depository institution fails to file a supplemental report showing that 11 the additional actions have been taken before the deadline, or submits a 12 13 report that is found not to be satisfactory by the director, the director shall notify the digital asset depository institution in writing that its 14 voluntary dissolution is not approved, and the institution may appeal the 15 decision to the director pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act. 16
- (7) A financial institution operating a digital asset depository
  department may, upon adoption of a resolution by its board of directors,
  and upon compliance with the provisions of this section, insofar as
  determined by the director by order or rule and regulation, surrender its
  charter for a digital asset depository department for cancellation to the
  department.
- Sec. 26. Section 8-3030, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 8-3030 Each officer, director, employee, or agent of a digital asset depository, following written notice from the director, is subject to removal upon order of the director if such officer, director, employee, or agent knowingly, willfully, or negligently:
- 29 (1) Fails to perform any duty required by the Nebraska Financial 30 Innovation Act or other applicable law;
- 31 (2) Fails to conform to any order or rules and regulations of the

- 1 director; or
- 2 (3) Endangers the interest of a customer<u>or the safety and soundness</u>
- 3 of the digital asset depository.
- 4 Sec. 27. Original sections 8-101.03, 8-115, 8-602, 8-3002, 8-3003,
- 5 8-3004, 8-3005, 8-3007, 8-3008, 8-3011, 8-3012, 8-3013, 8-3014, 8-3015,
- 6 8-3016, 8-3017, 8-3018, 8-3019, 8-3020, 8-3021, 8-3022, 8-3023, 8-3025,
- 7 8-3026, 8-3028, and 8-3030, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are
- 8 repealed.
- 9 Sec. 28. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 10 passed and approved according to law.