

**§ 53C-4-5. Qualifications of bank directors.**

(a) At least three-fourths of the directors of a bank shall be citizens of the United States of America.

(b) A director must satisfy eligibility requirements for bank directors imposed by federal law, including Section 19 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1829(a).

(c) Following a director's election or appointment as a director, the director shall, solely for purposes of any action or proceeding that may thereafter be brought by the Commissioner, and on a form satisfactory to the Commissioner, do all of the following:

- (1) Consent to the jurisdiction of the Commissioner and the General Court of Justice for the State of North Carolina in any such action or proceeding.
- (2) Consent to venue in Wake County, North Carolina, in any such action or proceeding.
- (3) Unless the director appoints an agent pursuant to subsection (f) of this section, appoint the Commissioner as the director's agent for service of process in any such action or proceeding and authorize and instruct the Commissioner or the Commissioner's duly appointed deputy or agent to accept service of process for the director in any such action or proceeding.

(d) When service of legal process in an action or proceeding brought by the Commissioner is made on a director by service and acceptance of service of process in the manner provided in subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of this section, the Commissioner shall, within three business days thereafter, give notice to the director of such service and acceptance of service of process by depositing a copy of the process served and accepted, together with any pleading, order, or other item accompanying the process, with a "designated delivery service" as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 7502(f)(2) and directed to the director's last known address in the Commissioner's records. The Commissioner shall keep a record which shall show the day and hour of such acceptance of service of process, any pleading, order, or other item accompanying the process, and the date upon which the above notice was given. When service of process is made pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of this section, the time within which the director may file a responsive pleading or similar response, as provided by Chapter 1A or Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, shall be extended by 12 days.

(e) The consent and appointment described in subsections (c) and (f) of this section shall be deemed irrevocable and shall not be affected by the termination of the director's service as a director.

(f) In lieu of meeting the requirements of subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of this section, a director may appoint an agent for service of such process in Wake County, North Carolina. (2012-56, s. 4; 2013-29, s. 4.)