- (I) FILE WITH THE COMMISSIONER, AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE INTENDED OPENING DATE, A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OPEN A BRANCH;
- (II) SUBMIT TO THE COMMISSIONER ANY INFORMATION THE COMMISSIONER REQUIRES IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE PROPOSED BRANCH; AND
 - (III) PAY TO THE COMMISSIONER A BRANCH FEE OF \$100.
- (2) THE BRANCH FEE MAY NOT APPLY TO A BRANCH THAT IS ACQUIRED BY A CREDIT UNION THROUGH A MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION WITH, OR TRANSFER TO THE CREDIT UNION OF ALL OR SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE ASSETS OF, A CREDIT UNION.
- (C) IN DECIDING WHETHER TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BRANCH, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL CONSIDER WHETHER:
- (1) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BRANCH WILL PROMOTE THE CONVENIENCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CREDIT UNION;
- (2) THE APPLICANT HAS SUFFICIENT NET WORTH TO SUPPORT THE BRANCH: AND
- (3) THE APPLICANT GENERALLY IS OPERATING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE.
- (D) (1) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DECIDE WHETHER TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BRANCH WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION.
- (2). THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BRANCH SHALL BE DEEMED APPROVED IF THE COMMISSIONER TAKES NO ACTION ON THE NOTICE WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION.

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- (A) AN OUT-OF-STATE CREDIT UNION SHALL PROVIDE THE COMMISSIONER, WITHIN 15 DAYS OF OPENING A BRANCH IN THE STATE, WITH A NOTICE OF THE OPENING OF THE BRANCH.
- (B) A CREDIT UNION CHARTERED AND PRIMARILY REGULATED BY ANOTHER STATE THAT PROPOSES TO ESTABLISH A BRANCH IN THIS STATE SHALL QUALIFY UNDER § 7–203 OF THE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARTICLE TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE AS A FOREIGN CORPORATION.
- (C) AN OUT-OF-STATE CREDIT UNION THAT HAS A BRANCH IN THIS STATE MAY ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL BRANCHES IN THIS STATE:
- (1) TO THE SAME EXTENT AS A CREDIT UNION; OR
 - (2) TO THE EXTENT OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY FEDERAL LAW.