

CHAPTER 137

AN ACT concerning voting rights of members of mutual savings and loan associations and amending P.L.1963, c.144.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 126 of P.L.1963, c.144 (C.17:12B-126) is amended to read as follows:

C.17:12B-126 Voting rights of members.

126. Voting of rights members. Each member 16 years of age, or over, shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of a mutual association.

Each mutual association shall set forth in its bylaws the voting rights of its members, which shall be in accordance with subsection (a) or subsection (b) of this section:

(a) Each member entitled to vote shall have one vote at any meeting of the mutual association regardless of the number of shares or accounts standing in his name; or

(b) Each savings member entitled to vote shall have one vote for each \$100.00, or fraction thereof, of the participation value of his savings account; each borrowing member entitled to vote under this subsection shall be entitled to have one vote; but in no event shall the maximum number of votes permitted to any member under this subsection be greater than 1,000 votes regardless of the number or types of shares or accounts or the value of such shares or accounts held by such member.

Under either subsection (a) or subsection (b) of this section members may vote by written proxy if the bylaws so provide and the bylaws may prohibit voting by persons who have become members within 60 days of the date when the vote is cast.

Under either subsection (a) or subsection (b) of this section the trustee or fiduciary of a fiduciary account shall be entitled to cast the vote or votes permitted under said subsections.

Under subsection (a) of this section only one vote shall be allowed in connection with any account held by two or more persons, jointly; under subsection (b) of this section no more than the maximum number of 1,000 votes, provided for in that subsection shall be allowed in connection with an account held by two or more persons, jointly.

Under subsection (a) or subsection (b) of this section when accounts or shares are pledged, the pledgor may vote thereon.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved November 1, 2000.