CHAPTER 178

AN ACT concerning eligible collateral for governmental unit deposits and amending P.L.1970, c.236.

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

1. Section 1 of P.L.1970, c.236 (C.17:9-41) is amended to read as follows:

C.17:9-41 Definitions.

1. In this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Association" means any State or federally chartered savings and loan association;

"Capital funds" means (a) in the case of a State bank or national bank or capital stock savings bank, the aggregate of the capital stock, surplus and undivided profits of the bank or savings bank; (b) in the case of a mutual savings bank, the aggregate of the capital deposits, if any, and the surplus of the savings bank; and (c) in the case of an association, the aggregate of all reserves required by any law or regulation, and the undivided profits, if any, of the association;

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance;

"Defaulting depository" means a public depository as to which an event of default has occurred;

"Eligible collateral" means:

- (a) Obligations of any of the following:
- (1) The United States;
- (2) Any agency or instrumentality of the United States, including, but not limited to, the Student Loan Marketing Association, the Government National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Housing Administration and the Small Business Administration;
 - (3) The State of New Jersey or any of its political subdivisions;
 - (4) Any other governmental unit; or
- (b) Obligations guaranteed or insured by any of the following, to the extent of that insurance or guaranty:
 - (1) The United States;
- (2) Any agency or instrumentality of the United States, including, but not limited to, the Student Loan Marketing Association, the Government National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Housing Administration and the Small Business Administration;
 - (3) The State of New Jersey or any of its political subdivisions; or
 - (c) Obligations now or hereafter authorized by law as security for public deposits;
- (d) Obligations in which the State, political subdivisions of the State, their officers, boards, commissions, departments and agencies may invest pursuant to an express authorization under any law authorizing the issuance of those obligations;
- (e) Obligations, letters of credit, or other securities or evidence of indebtedness constituting the direct and general obligation of a federal home loan bank or federal reserve bank; or
- (f) Any other obligations as may be approved by the commissioner by regulation or by specific approval;

"Event of default" means issuance of an order of a supervisory authority or of a receiver restraining a public depository from making payments of deposit liabilities;

"Governmental unit" means any county, municipality, school district or any public body corporate and politic created or established under any law of this State by or on behalf of any one or more counties or municipalities, or any board, commission, department or agency of any of the foregoing having custody of funds;

"Maximum liability" of a public depository means, with respect to any event of default, a sum equal to 5% of the average daily balance of collected public funds held on deposit by the depository during the six-month period ending on the last day of the month next preceding the occurrence of such event of default;

"Net deposit liability" means the deposit liability of a defaulting depository to a governmental unit after deduction of any deposit insurance with respect thereto;

"Obligations" means any bonds, notes, capital notes, bond anticipation notes, tax anticipation notes, temporary notes, loan bonds, mortgage related securities, or mortgages;

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"Public depository" means a State or federally chartered bank, savings bank or an association located in this State or a state or federally chartered bank, savings bank or an association located in another state with a branch office in this State, the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and which receives or holds public funds on deposit;

"Public funds" means the funds of any governmental unit, but does not include deposits held by the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund;

"Valuation date" means December 31 and June 30.

2. This act shall take effect on the first business day after enactment.

Approved September 12, 2003.