

SENATE BILL NO. 144

BY SENATOR MARTINY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 6:243(B)(1) and (2)(a) and (b), relative to immovable property;
3 to provide for the accounting for immovable property held by a state bank; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 6:243(B)(1) and (2)(a) and (b) are hereby amended and reenacted to
7 read as follows:

8 §243. Immovable property; dealings

9 A. * * *

10 B.(1) Except for property held pursuant to Paragraphs (A)(1) and (A)(5) of
11 this Section, a state bank shall not hold immovable property as an asset for a longer
12 time than ten years. Any bank holding immovable property which is subject to the
13 ten-year divestiture period shall enter the immovable property on its books ~~at fair~~
14 ~~market value, or acquisition cost, whichever is lower~~ **in accordance with generally**
15 **accepted accounting principles (GAAP).**

16 (2)(a) A state bank shall obtain annually, within a reasonable time as
17 determined by the commissioner, from a qualified appraiser a current appraisal of the
18 fair market value of any such property valued at an amount greater than two hundred
19 fifty thousand dollars and shall ~~reduce the value of any property on its books if the~~
20 ~~fair market value has declined~~ **account for the property in accordance with**
21 **GAAP.**

22 (b) For property valued at less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars, a state
23 bank shall annually perform an adequate evaluation of such property. ~~If it is~~
24 ~~determined after~~ **After** adequate evaluation ~~that of~~ **of** the property, ~~has a value that is~~

