RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 753 (SB 279) **2026 Regular Session** **Morris**

Existing law provides that shares of a financial institution must be represented by certificates of stock unless the issuing corporation participates in the Direct Registration System of the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation.

Existing law allows the board of directors of a corporation to authorize the issue of shares without certificates. Provides that the authorization does not affect shares already represented by certificates until they are surrendered to the corporation.

New law clarifies existing law to provide that the board of directors may authorize the issue of shares as uncertificated shares, including the use of a book entry or any other electronic method for documenting shareholder ownership.

New law provides a process for the conversion of stock certificates to uncertificated shares. Provides that the provisions of new law shall apply to any state-chartered bank, bank holding company, capital stock association and its holding company, and state-chartered savings bank and its holding company.

Existing law provides for the regulation of corporations, including the form and content of certificates issued by a corporation.

New law retains existing law and provides for the use of uncertificated shares by corportations relative to financial institutions and their holding companies.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 6:255(A) and (G) and 1204 and R.S. 12:1-625(A); adds R.S. 6:707(E))