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The use of certain words is restricted by state law. Click the following links to see the statutory provisions applicable for the use of the noted word or similar word(s):

[Bank, Trust](#) [Credit Union](#) [Homestead](#)

In certain circumstances, use of the word “**Bank**” is permitted if it is used in a context that could not be reasonably considered to mean that a commercial banking business is being conducted.

(ex: the word is being used because it is the name of the owner or others associated with the business “Joe Bank’s Diner”)

(ex: the word is being used because it is the name of the street address, or the name or common descriptive term for the area where the business will be located, “Bank Street Cleaners”, or “Westbank Autorepair”)

The word “**Trust**” is only permissible to use if the business is in fact a trust pursuant to a trust instrument, is a trust company pursuant to a registration/charter as such by a state regulator, is a real estate investment trust, or is a trust company formed in another state if there is acceptable reciprocity as to trust companies in the other state.

Your Name:

Address:

Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Entity Name:

Nature of business to be transacted in Louisiana:

Please check the word proposed for the name to be registered with the Louisiana Secretary of State:

Bank

Trust

Homestead

Credit Union

Other(explain)

Describe documentation you are submitting to support approval of use of the word in the proposed name. Please submit certified copies of any document that has been filed or record in this or another jurisdiction.

Regulatory registration/charter from State of Louisiana

Regulatory registration/charter from another state

Trust instrument

Extract of trust instrument

Other(explain)