Texas Banking Commissioner Issues Proclamation to Texas State Chartered Banks Affected by Swine Flu

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Charles G. Cooper, Texas Banking Commissioner, today issued a proclamation allowing Texas statechartered banks with offices in areas that may be affected by swine flu to temporarily close an office or operation under Section 37.003 of the Texas Finance Code. While not required by law, the Commissioner asks any state bank that closes all or part of its facilities under this proclamation to please notify the Department by email or fax at 512-475-0004.

In issuing this proclamation, Commissioner Cooper said he expects that only those bank offices directly affected by swine flu will remain closed. Financial institutions or their customers needing additional information may contact the Texas Department of Banking toll free at 1-877-893-6246 or by <u>email</u>.