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TO: Registration Section
Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: The First Bank

Name of corporation - must include suffix

Dear Sir or Madam:

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida," "Certificate of Existence," or "Certificate of Good Standing" and check are submitted to register the above referenced foreign corporation to transact business in Florida.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Jan R. Ezell, Corporate Paralegal

Name of Person

Alston & Bird LLP

Firm/Company

1201 West Peachtree Street

Address

Atlanta, GA 30309-3424

City/State and Zip code

hoole@thefirstbank.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Jan R. Ezell

at (404) 881-7442

Name of Person

Area Code

Daytime Telephone Number

STREET/COURIER ADDRESS:
Registration Section
Division of Corporations
The Centre of Tallahassee
2415 N. Monroe Street, Suite 810
Tallahassee, FL 32303

MAILING ADDRESS:
Registration Section
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

Please make check payable to: **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

- \$70.00 Filing Fee
- \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status
- \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy
- \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certificate of Status & Certified Copy

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Commissioner Russell C. Weigel, III

January 20, 2022

Jordan Jensen, Associate
Alston & Bird LLP
2200 Ross Avenue, Suite 2300
Dallas, Texas 75201

Re: The First Bank

Dear Ms. Jensen:

Reference is made to your recent letter requesting approval to register the above-referenced name with the Florida Secretary of State by The First Bank. The bank is a Mississippi state-charted bank, headquartered in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and regulated by the Mississippi Department of Banking and Consumer Finance.

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Section 655.922, Florida Statutes, exempts a financial institution, holding company or its subsidiaries from the prohibition of using the word "bank," "banco," "banque," "banker," "banking," "trust company," "savings and loan association," "savings bank," or "credit union," or words of similar import, in any context or in any manner in its corporate name. Therefore, this Office will not object to the use of the above referenced name being registered to transact business in the state of Florida. However, this correspondence is not intended to grant the authority to act in any licensed capacity until all licensing requirements have been met within this state.

Sincerely,

Russell C. Weigel, III
Commissioner
Office of Financial Regulation

RCW:jj

cc: Gina McLeod, Chief, Bureau of Commercial Recordings, Division of Corporations,
Department of State

APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 607.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN CORPORATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The First Bank
(Enter name of corporation; must include "INCORPORATED," "COMPANY," "CORPORATION," "Inc.," "Co.," "Corp.," "Inc.," "Co.," or "Corp.")
The First Bank (Inc.)(MS)
(If name unavailable in Florida, enter alternate corporate name adopted for the purpose of transacting business in Florida)
2. Mississippi (State or country under the law of which it is incorporated)
3. (FBI number, if applicable)
4. 1/15/2022 (Date of incorporation)
5. (Date of duration, if other than perpetual)
6. 1/15/2022 (Date first transacted business in Florida, if prior to registration)
(SEE SECTIONS 607.1501 & 607.1502, F.S., to determine penalty liability)
7. 6480 US Highway 98 West, Hattiesburg, MS 39402
(Principal office street address)
(Current mailing address, if different):

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8. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

Name: William H. Davis, Jr.
Office Address: 3320 Thomasville Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32308
(City) (Zip code)

9. Registered agent's acceptance:

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this application, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

William H. Davis, Jr.
(Registered agent's signature)

10. Attached is a certificate of existence duly authenticated, not more than 90 days prior to delivery of this application to the Department of State, by the Secretary of State or other official having custody of corporate records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is incorporated.

11. For initial indexing purposes, list names, titles and addresses of the primary officers and/or directors (up to six (6) total):

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A. DIRECTORS

Chairman Name: (See attached) _____

Vice Chairman Address: _____

Director _____

President _____

Vice President _____

Secretary Treasurer

Other _____ Other _____

Chairman Name: _____

Vice Chairman Address: _____

Director _____

President _____

Vice President _____

Secretary Treasurer

Other _____ Other _____

Chairman Name: _____

Vice Chairman Address: _____

Director _____

President _____

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Chairman Name: _____

Vice Chairman Address: _____

Director _____

President _____

Vice President _____

Secretary Treasurer

Other _____ Other _____

Chairman Name: _____

Vice Chairman Address: _____

Director _____

President _____

Vice President _____

Secretary Treasurer

Other _____ Other _____

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12. [Signature]
Signature of Director or Officer

The officer or director signing this document (and who is listed in number 11 above) affirms that the facts stated herein are true and that he or she is aware that false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.135, F.S.

13. M. Ray "Hoppy" Cole Jr., President
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

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**THE FIRST BANK
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Address</u>
M. Ray "Hoppy" Cole, Jr.	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
Donna T. "Dee Dee" Lowery	EVP and Chief Financial Officer	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
Emily C. Agostinelli	EVP and Chief Audit Officer	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
Jarrett Nicholson	EVP and Chief Operating Officer	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
Ion T. Mixon	EVP and Chief Risk Officer	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
John J. (J. J.) Fletcher	EVP and Chief Lending Officer	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
George L. Noonan	EVP and Chief Credit Administrator	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
C. Jerome Brown	EVP and Chief Community Development Officer	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
Chris Ryals	EVP - Operations	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
Hayden Mitchell	EVP - Loan Operations	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
D. Eric Waldron	EVP - Regional President - Mississippi	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
Ronald Fugarino	EVP - Regional President - Louisiana	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
W. Wade Neth	EVP - Regional President - AL/FL	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
Milton R. "Mit" Cole, III	EVP - Private Banking/Wealth Management Division	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
Dr. Rodney D. Bennett	Director	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
Dr. David W. Bomboy	Director	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
E. Ricky Gibson	Director	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
Charles R. Lightsey	Director	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402

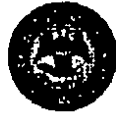
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Address</u>
Fred A. McMurry	Director	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
Thomas E. Mitchell	Director	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
Renee Moore	Director	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
Ted E. Parker	Director	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
J. Douglas Seidenburg	Director	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402
Andrew D. Stelman	Director	6480 US Highway 98 West Hattiesburg, MS 39402

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Michael Watson
SECRETARY OF STATE

Office of the Secretary of State
Jackson, Mississippi

Certificate of Good Standing

I, MICHAEL WATSON, Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi, and as such, the legal custodian of the records as required by the laws of Mississippi, to be filed in my office, do hereby certify:

That on the 27th day of January, 2022, the State of Mississippi issued a Charter/Certificate of Authority to:

THE FIRST BANK

That the state of incorporation is Mississippi.

That the period of duration is perpetual.

That according to the records of this office, Articles of Dissolution or a Certificate of Withdrawal have not been filed.

That according to the records of this office, a current Annual Report has been delivered to the Office of the Secretary of State.

I further certify that all fees, taxes and penalties owed to this state, as reflected in the records of the Secretary of State, have been paid and that the corporation is in existence or has authority to transact business in Mississippi.

That insofar as the records of this office are concerned, the said The First Bank is in good standing at this time.

Given under my hand and seal of office
the 31st day of January, 2022

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Certificate Number: CN22129940

Verify this certificate online at <http://corp.sos.ms.gov/corpcnv/verifycertificate.aspx>

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