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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 997

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6 By: Senator S. Flowers

7 Filed with: Interim Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Economic Development  
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO MERGE THE ARKANSAS SOYBEAN PROMOTION BOARD  
11 WITH THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

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15 **Subtitle**

16 TO MERGE THE ARKANSAS SOYBEAN PROMOTION  
17 BOARD WITH THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE  
18 DEPARTMENT.

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 2-20-404(b), concerning the Arkansas  
24 Soybean Promotion Board, is amended to read as follows:

25 (b) *The members of the board shall meet and organize immediately after*  
26 *their appointment and shall elect a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary-*  
27 *treasurer from the membership of the board, whose duties shall be those*  
28 *customarily exercised by those officers or specifically designated by the*  
29 *board. The principal office of the board shall be located at the office of*  
30 *the ~~Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation~~, Arkansas Agriculture Department in*  
31 *Little Rock.*

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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 2-20-406(c), concerning assessments on  
34 Arkansas-grown soybeans, is amended to read as follows:

1           (c)(1)(A) *The proceeds of the assessment shall be deposited with the*  
2 *Treasurer of State in a special fund to be established for the Arkansas*  
3 *Soybean Promotion Board.*

4                     (B) ~~provided, that the director~~ *The Director of the*  
5 *Department of Finance and Administration may deduct not more than three*  
6 *percent (3%) to cover the cost of collections.*

7                     (C) *The Treasurer of State shall direct two percent (2%)*  
8 *of the revenues collected beginning on and after July 1, 2012, into the*  
9 *Arkansas Agriculture Department Fund Account to be used exclusively for*  
10 *operation and administration expenses related to the Arkansas Soybean*  
11 *Promotion Board.*

12                     (2) *Disbursement shall be made only upon motion duly passed by*  
13 *the board and presented to the Treasurer of State and only for the purposes*  
14 *prescribed in this subchapter.*

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16   /s/S. Flowers  
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