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By: Senator Wood

SENATE BILL 256

"AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION A OF ACT 725 OF 1985 [ARK. STAT. 77-2503 A; TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE RICE RESEARCH AND PROMOTION BOARD BY ADDING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE ARKANSAS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Subsection A of Section 3 of Act 725 of 1985, the same being Arkansas Statute 77-2503, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"A. The Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board is created to be domiciled in Little Rock, Arkansas, 10720 Kanis Road, to be composed of nine (9) producer members to be appointed by the Governor as herein provided: Three (3) members representing Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Inc., two (2) members representing Riceland Foods, Inc., one (1) member representing Agricultural Council of Arkansas, one (1) member representing Producers Rice Mill, Inc., one (1) member representing Arkansas Rice Council and one (1) member representing the Independent Millers of Arkansas. All of the nine (9) producer members of the Board shall be Practical Producers of rice in the State of Arkansas and shall be members of the boards of directors of their respective organizations.

Within ten (10) days following the effective date of this Act, each of the following organizations, namely, Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Inc., Riceland Foods, Inc., Producers Rice Mill, Inc., Arkansas Rice Council, Agricultural Council of Arkansas, and the Rice Millers Association shall submit the names of two (2) Practical Rice Producers to the Governor, for each position to be appointed from nominations of the respective organizations. The Governor shall appoint three (3) members from the list submitted by the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Inc., two (2) members each from the lists

submitted by Riceland Foods, Inc., and one (1) member from the list submitted by each of the other above named organizations, to serve on the Board. The members selected as herein provided from the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Inc., shall draw lots to determine their terms so that two (2) of such members will serve for terms of two (2) years and one (1) shall serve for a term of one (1) year, the members selected from Riceland Foods, Inc. shall draw lots so that one (1) shall serve for a term of one (1) year and one (1) shall serve for a term of two (2) years, and the members from the other organizations, shall draw lots for terms so that two (2) shall serve for a term of one (1) year and two (2) shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Thereafter, each member selected shall serve for a term of two (2) years and until his successor is duly selected as herein provided. Each year thereafter not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of the terms of the current board members whose terms expire, the organizations named above shall submit names to the Governor of two (2) nominees for each position to be filled on the Board from the respective organizations, and the Governor shall appoint the new members from each list of nominees.

Effective July 1, 1987, the Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board shall be expanded to ten (10) members. The new full-time member shall be the Director of the Division of Agriculture Development within the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission. The Director shall have full power and privileges as the other nine (9) board members and shall always be a board member until the General Assembly shall otherwise provide."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

