

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2126

5 By: Representatives Judy, *Cleveland, Wood, Allison, Oglesby, L. Thomas*
6 By: *Senator Scott*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 "AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE AGRICULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ARKANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE
12 AUTHORITY; TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS AGRIBUSINESS
13 ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

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16 "TO ABOLISH THE AGRICULTURE SUBCOMMITTEE
17 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
18 ARKANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY
19 AND TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS AGRIBUSINESS
20 ADVISORY COMMITTEE."
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 15-5-202(a)(5) is amended to read as follows:

26 "(5)(A) As vacancies occur, the Governor shall ensure that two (2) of
27 the ten (10) members represent various agricultural interests in the state.

28 ~~(B) Those board members representing agriculture shall, in~~
29 ~~addition to their other duties as board members, function as an Agriculture~~
30 ~~Subcommittee to oversee and support the Division of Agriculture Development.~~
31 ~~This subcommittee shall assist in policy development and program oversight and~~
32 ~~will be responsible to the Governor and the Arkansas Development Finance~~
33 ~~Authority as a whole.~~

34 ~~(C) In addition to the two (2) members of the Agriculture~~
35 ~~Subcommittee of the Arkansas Development Finance Authority provided for in~~
36 ~~subdivisions (a)(5)(A) and (B) of this section, the Agriculture Subcommittee~~

~~1 shall also include three (3) members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture
2 and Economic Development to be designated by the chairman of the committee,
3 and three (3) members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Economic
4 Development to be designated by the chairman of the committee, who shall serve
5 as ex officio members of the Agriculture Subcommittee of the Arkansas
6 Development Finance Authority."~~

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8 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 5, Subchapter 2 is amended
9 by adding the following section to be appropriately numbered by the Arkansas
10 Code Revision Commission:

11 "(a) There is created the Arkansas Agribusiness Advisory Board within
12 the Arkansas Development Finance Authority for the purpose of promoting the
13 economic welfare of Arkansas farmers and farm businesses.

14 (b) The committee shall be composed of the following:

15 (1) Upon recommendation by the Chairman of the Senate
16 Agriculture, Economic & Industrial Development Committee of five (5) persons
17 who are producers of agricultural products, the Governor shall select three
18 (3) members;

19 (2) Upon recommendation by the Chairman of the House Agriculture,
20 Economic and Industrial Development Committee of five (5) persons who are
21 producers of agricultural products, the Governor shall select three (3)
22 members;

23 (3) The Governor shall also appoint:

24 (A) One (1) member who represents the Division of
25 Agriculture of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville;

26 (B) One (1) member who represents the Dale Bumpers Small
27 Farms Research Center in Booneville;

28 (C) One (1) member who represents the University of
29 Arkansas at Pine Bluff; and

30 (D) One (1) member from each general farm interest
31 committee necessary to represent all agricultural sectors and commodities, but
32 in no event shall there be more than (1) member from each agricultural
33 interest.

34 (c) In no event shall the committee consist of more than twenty (20)
35 members.

36 (d) Members shall be appointed for three (3) year staggered terms. The

1 terms shall be assigned by lot. The terms shall commence on June 1 of each
2 year.

3 (e) In the event of a vacancy on the committee for any reason other
4 than expiration of a regular term, a person meeting the same qualifications
5 required for initial appointment shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired
6 portion of the term.

7 (f) The committee shall not be entitled to compensation for their
8 services but may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with Arkansas
9 Code 25-16-202 to be paid by the Arkansas Development Finance Authority.

10 (g) The committee shall hold its first meeting on June 1 at a place
11 designated by the Governor. The board shall meet at least quarterly; however,
12 special meetings may be called by the chair or as provided by the rules of the
13 Board.

14 (h) At the initial organizational meeting of the committee, the members
15 shall elect from among their number a chairperson and vice-chairperson.
16 Annually thereafter the board shall select a new chairperson and vice-
17 chairperson.

18 (i) The board shall establish rules and bylaws."
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20 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 15, Chapter 5, Subchapter 2 is amended
21 by adding the following section to be appropriately numbered by the Arkansas
22 Code Revision Commission:

23 "The duties of the Advisory Committee shall include:

24 (1) Advise and recommend assistance and services necessary to promote
25 the economic welfare of agricultural producers and farmers;

26 (2) Work with all Arkansas state agencies to carry out the provisions
27 of this Act. "
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29 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
30 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
31 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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33 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
34 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
35 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
36 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this

1 act are declared to be severable.

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3 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
4 hereby repealed.

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6 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
7 Eighty-second General Assembly that the provisions of this Act are of critical
8 importance to preserve one of the biggest industries in Arkansas. The
9 agricultural community is in dire need of assistance from the State of
10 Arkansas in order to continue farming. Therefore, an emergency is declared to
11 exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the
12 public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its
13 approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the
14 Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time
15 during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the
16 Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the
17 last house overrides the veto.

18 /s/ Judy, et al
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