

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2363

5 By: Representatives Jackson, Milligan, Norton, Hathorn, Scroggin, Weaver
6 By: Senator Laverty
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS YOUNG AND BEGINNING
11 FARMER ADVISORY BOARD, TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT
12 OF MEMBERS, AND TO DESCRIBE ITS POWERS AND
13 DUTIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS YOUNG AND
16 BEGINNING FARMER ADVISORY BOARD.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 2, Chapter 1, is amended to add an
23 additional subchapter to read as follows:

24 Subchapter 2 - Arkansas Young and Beginning Farmer Advisory Board
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26 2-1-201. Established.

27 (a) The Arkansas Young and Beginning Farmer Advisory Board is
28 established to advise the agriculturally-related agencies of state government
29 with respect to impact the agencies have on the future of agriculture and the
30 agricultural way of life in Arkansas, and to help the young Arkansas farmers
31 to appreciate their heritage and agricultural work in relation to the history
32 and the economy of Arkansas.

33 (b) The offices of the board shall be located with the Arkansas
34 Department of Economic Development in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas
35 and the department shall provide administrative staff for the board and its
36 committees.



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2-1-202. Board qualifications and terms.

(a) The Arkansas Young and Beginning Farmer Advisory Board shall consist of twenty-two (22) members who are residents and electors of this state.

(b)(1) The membership of the board shall be made up of young persons interested in the preservation and development of agriculture in Arkansas, and preservation of the agricultural way of life.

(2) Members of the board shall be under the age of forty-five (45) years at the beginning of the member's term.

(3)(A) At least sixteen (16) of the members shall be full-time farmers having eighty percent (80%) or more of the farmer's personal income from farming or agricultural activities; and

(B) The remainder of the board's membership may be less than full-time farmers or persons employed in an agriculturally-related business.

(c)(1) Except for the initial terms of the board, each member shall serve for a term of two (2) years. The term of office of each member of the board shall begin on January 15 following the expiration date of the predecessor's term and shall end on January 14 of the second year following the year in which the term commenced. The terms of the initial members shall be staggered evenly between one (1) year and two (2) years as may be determined by lot at the board's first meeting.

(2) Any vacancies arising in the membership of the board for any reason other than expiration of the regular terms shall be filled by appointment by the appointing authority effective until the expiration of the regular term.

2-1-203. Board membership.

The membership of the Arkansas Young and Beginning Farmer Advisory Board shall be as follows:

(1) Four (4) members appointed by the Governor;

(2) Two (2) members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor;

(3) One (1) member appointed by each United States Senator for Arkansas and shall represent the state at large;

(4) One (1) member appointed by each Arkansas Representative of the

1 United States House of Representatives who shall reside in the
2 Representative's congressional district;

3 (5) Two (2) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
4 Arkansas Senate;

5 (6) Two (2) members appointed by the Speaker of the Arkansas House of
6 Representatives;

7 (7) Three (3) members appointed by the Vice-President for Agriculture
8 of the University of Arkansas System to represent each Cooperative Extension
9 Service district;

10 (8) One (1) member appointed by the Director of the Arkansas Livestock
11 and Poultry Commission;

12 (9) One (1) member appointed by the Director of the Arkansas Soil and
13 Water Conservation Commission;

14 (10) One (1) member appointed by the Director of the State Plant
15 Board;

16 (11) One (1) member appointed by the State Forester; and

17 (12) One (1) member appointed by the Director of the Arkansas
18 Department of Economic Development.

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20 2-1-204. Powers and duties.

21 The Arkansas Young and Beginning Farmer Advisory Board shall:

22 (1) Communicate to the general public and the federal government the
23 importance of young and beginning farmers to agriculture in the State of
24 Arkansas;

25 (2) Address issues relating to the needs of young and beginning
26 farmers in Arkansas;

27 (3) Establish committees to develop projects relating to the aspects
28 of life for young and beginning farmers in Arkansas;

29 (4) Hold meetings of the board at least four (4) times a year during
30 each calendar quarter of the year, and report by December 31 of each year to
31 the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President
32 Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

33 (5) Promulgate a mission statement and administrative procedures
34 necessary to implement the subchapter.

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36 2-1-205. Meetings.

1 (a) The Vice President for Agriculture of the University of Arkansas
2 System shall call the first meeting of the Arkansas Young and Beginning
3 Farmer Advisory Board.

4 (b)(1) At the first meeting, the board shall select from its
5 membership a chair, a vice-chair, and a secretary that shall serve until the
6 first meeting of the board in the following year.

7 (2) The board shall elect officers annually to serve one-year
8 terms at the board's first meeting of each calendar year.

9 (c)(1) The board shall divide itself into four (4) committees for
10 finance, education, environment, and product promotion.

11 (2) Each internal committee shall have a chair elected by the
12 board.

13 (d) A quorum shall consist of not less than a majority of the
14 membership of the board and the affirmative vote of that number is necessary
15 for the disposition of the board's business.

16 (e)(1) Members of the board shall receive no pay for services with
17 respect to attendance at each regular or special meeting of the board.

18 (2)(A) However, if funds are appropriated for the purpose,
19 members are entitled to reimbursement under § 25-16-902 for each day the
20 board is in session.

21 (B) Reimbursement is in an amount equal to the maximum
22 daily allowance for meals and lodging paid, as provided by law, to a state
23 employee for in-state travel, plus mileage at the rate per mile provided by
24 law for the reimbursement of mileage expense for state employees for travel
25 from their homes to the place of the meeting and return.

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27 2-1-206. Ancillary committee.

28 (a) The Arkansas Young and Beginning Farmer Advisory Board may
29 establish under its administrative procedures an ancillary committee of
30 outside agricultural representatives to assist and advise the board and work
31 on projects designated by the board.

32 (b) The ancillary committee may be composed of members from each of
33 the following organizations and agriculturally-related businesses:

34 (1) Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Inc.;

35 (2) Arkansas Cattlemen's Association;

36 (3) Arkansas Poultry Federation;

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- (4) The Arkansas aquaculture industry;
- (5) The Arkansas row crop producers; and
- (6) Other agriculture promotion groups, boards, and commissions.

/s/ Jackson, et al