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A Bill

SENATE BILL 997

5 By: Senator S. Flowers
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MERGE THE ARKANSAS SOYBEAN PROMOTION BOARD
9 WITH THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO MERGE THE ARKANSAS SOYBEAN PROMOTION
15 BOARD WITH THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE
16 DEPARTMENT.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 2-20-404(b), concerning the Arkansas
22 Soybean Promotion Board, is amended to read as follows:

23 (b) *The members of the board shall meet and organize immediately after*
24 *their appointment and shall elect a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary-*
25 *treasurer from the membership of the board, whose duties shall be those*
26 *customarily exercised by those officers or specifically designated by the*
27 *board. The principal office of the board shall be located at the office of*
28 *the ~~Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation,~~ Arkansas Agriculture Department in*
29 *Little Rock.*
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 2-20-406(c), concerning assessments on
32 Arkansas-grown soybeans, is amended to read as follows:

33 (c)(1)(A) *The proceeds of the assessment shall be deposited with the*
34 *Treasurer of State in a special fund to be established for the Arkansas*
35 *Soybean Promotion Board~~;~~*
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(B) ~~provided, that the director~~ The Director of the



1 Department of Finance and Administration may deduct not more than three
2 percent (3%) to cover the cost of collections.

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

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

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12 /s/S. Flowers
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