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A Bill

SENATE BILL 1172

5 By: Senator B. King
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE
9 MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE BOARD; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE
15 MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE
16 BOARD.
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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 § 25-38-207 is amended to read as follows:*

22 *25-38-207. Arkansas Agriculture Board – Creation – Members –*
23 *Organization – Duties.*

24 *(a) The Arkansas Agriculture Board is created to consist of ~~twenty-one~~*
25 *~~(21)~~ twenty-three (23) voting members and eight (8) nonvoting ex officio*
26 *members, as follows:*

27 *(1) Ten (10) members, appointed by their respective boards, who*
28 *sit on one (1) of the following boards or commissions:*

29 *(A) Two (2) members, at least one (1) of whom shall be*
30 *actively engaged in farming, from the State Plant Board;*

31 *(B) Two (2) members, at least one (1) of whom shall be*
32 *actively engaged in farming, from the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry*
33 *Commission;*

34 *(C) Two (2) members from the Arkansas Natural Resources*
35 *Commission;*

36 *(D) Two (2) members from the Arkansas Forestry Commission;*



1 (E) One (1) member actively engaged in farming from the
2 Arkansas Rural Development Commission; and

3 (F) One (1) member from the Arkansas Young and Beginning
4 Farmer Advisory Board chosen by the Arkansas Young and Beginning Farmer
5 Advisory Board;

6 (2) Eleven (11) members, appointed by the Governor with the
7 consent of the Senate as follows:

8 (A) Three (3) members who are actively engaged in growing
9 rice, cotton, or small grains, including, but not limited to, corn, sorghum,
10 soybeans, and wheat;

11 (B) Three (3) members who are actively involved in at
12 least one (1) of the following areas of the agricultural industry:

13 (i) Plant food, agricultural chemicals, or seed
14 merchandising;

15 (ii) Meat processing;

16 (iii) Grain processing;

17 (iv) Domestic food products, processing, and global
18 marketing;

19 (v) Aquaculture; and

20 (vi) The Arkansas Livestock Marketing Association;

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22 (C) Five (5) members as follows:

23 (i) One (1) member who is actively engaged in
24 producing beef;

25 (ii) One (1) member who is actively engaged in
26 producing swine;

27 (iii) One (1) member who is actively engaged in
28 dairy farming;

29 (iv) One (1) member who is actively engaged in
30 producing poultry; and

31 (v) One (1) member who is actively engaged in
32 producing wine, grapes, fruits, or vegetables; ~~and~~

33 (3) One (1) member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
34 Senate;

35 (4) One (1) member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
36 Representatives; and

1 ~~(3)~~(5) *Eight (8) nonvoting ex officio members, as follows:*

2 (A) *The Vice President for Agriculture of the University*
3 *of Arkansas System;*

4 (B) *The Dean of Agriculture of Arkansas State University;*

5 (C) *The Dean of Agriculture of the University of Arkansas*
6 *at Pine Bluff;*

7 (D) *A representative of the University of Arkansas for*
8 *Medical Sciences who is actively involved in nutrition teaching or research,*
9 *or both;*

10 (E) *A representative of the University of Arkansas at*
11 *Monticello;*

12 (F) *The President of the Arkansas Association of*
13 *Conservation Districts;*

14 (G) *A representative of Southern Arkansas University; and*

15 (H) *A representative of Arkansas Tech University.*

16 (b) *The board shall advise the Secretary of the Arkansas Agriculture*
17 *Department on all matters concerning agriculture, aquaculture, horticulture,*
18 *and kindred industries.*

19 (c) *The board shall meet at least quarterly and shall fix a regular*
20 *date for the quarterly meeting.*

21 (d)(1) *The members of the board appointed by the Governor shall serve*
22 *staggered terms of ~~four~~ ~~(4)~~ two (2) years, to be determined at the first*
23 *meeting of the board by lot in a manner to result, as far as possible, in an*
24 *equal number of terms expiring each year.*

25 (2) *The members appointed by the Governor shall serve no more*
26 *than two (2) terms.*

27 *(e)(1) The members of the board appointed by the President Pro Tempore*
28 *of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve*
29 *two-year terms.*

30 *(2) The members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the*
31 *Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve no more*
32 *than two-year terms.*

33 ~~(e)(1)(f)(1)(A)~~ *Vacancies due to death, resignation, refusal to serve,*
34 *or other causes among members of the board appointed by the Governor, the*
35 *President Pro Tempore of the Senate, or the Speaker of the House of*
36 *Representatives shall be filled by appointment by the Governor of a qualified*

1 person to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

2 ~~(2)(B)~~ A person so appointed is eligible for appointment to a
3 subsequent full term on the board.

4 (2)(A) Vacancies due to death, resignation, refusal to serve, or
5 other causes among members of the board appointed by the President Pro
6 Tempore of the Senate shall be filled by appointment by the President Pro
7 Tempore of the Senate of a qualified person to serve the remainder of the
8 unexpired term.

9 (B) A person so appointed is eligible for appointment to a
10 subsequent full term on the board.

11 (3)(A) Vacancies due to death, resignation, refusal to serve, or
12 other causes among members of the board appointed by the Speaker of the House
13 of Representatives shall be filled by appointment by the Speaker of the House
14 of Representatives of a qualified person to serve the remainder of the
15 unexpired term.

16 (B) A person so appointed is eligible for appointment to a
17 subsequent full term on the board.

18 (g)(1) State agency members of the board shall receive no additional
19 salary or compensation for their services as members of the committee, but
20 they may receive expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-902, to the
21 extent funds are available.

22 (2) The members appointed by the Governor, President Pro Tempore
23 of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives may receive
24 expense reimbursement from funds made available for that purpose in
25 accordance with § 25-16-902, to the extent funds are available.

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27 /s/B. King
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