

HOUSE BILL 388

By Faison

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 43, Chapter 20, Part 1, relative to the Tennessee soybean promotion board.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-236(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (67) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

**4-29-242.**

(a) The following governmental entities terminate on June 30, 2021:

( ) Tennessee soybean promotion board, created by § 43-20-102.

(b) Each department, commission, board, agency, or council of state government created during calendar year 2019 terminates on June 30, 2021.

(c) Any governmental entity that has been terminated under this section may be continued, reestablished, or restructured in accordance with this chapter.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 43-20-102, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(a) The Tennessee soybean promotion board, referred to in this chapter as the board, is created and shall be composed of nine (9) members to be appointed by the commissioner of agriculture to serve terms of three (3) years, as provided in this section. All members of the board shall be producers of soybeans in Tennessee.

(b) Of the nine (9) members, three (3) members shall represent interested farm business groups including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Farm Bureau; three (3)

members shall represent interested farm cooperative groups including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative; and three (3) members shall represent interested soybean producer groups including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Soybean Association.

(c) Board members appointed after July 1, 2015, may be selected from lists of qualified persons submitted by the interested groups described in subsection (b), and the commissioner shall consult with the interested groups to determine qualified persons to fill the positions on the board.

(d) Board vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as provided in subsections (a)-(c). Persons who are appointed to the board shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms.

(e) The members of the board shall elect a chair, vice chair, and secretary-treasurer from the membership of the board to serve one-year terms and whose duties shall be those customarily exercised by such officers or specifically designated by the board. The chair, vice chair, and secretary-treasurer shall each be bonded in an amount of not less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). The cost of the bonds shall be paid from the funds received under this part. The bond shall be a security for any unlawful act of the member of the board, and recovery on the bond may be had by the state for any injury by the unlawful act of the member.

(f) The board may establish rules for its own governance and the administration of its affairs of the board in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

(g) Members of the board shall not be compensated but shall be reimbursed travel expenses in accordance with the travel regulations promulgated by the commissioner of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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