

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1963

By: Leist of the House
and
Kerr of the Senate

An Act relating to agriculture; amending Section 3, Chapter 357, O.S.L. 1994 (2 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 3003), which relates to the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council; adding to membership; specifying term; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 357, O.S.L. 1994 (2 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 3003), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3003. A. To fulfill its mission as the originator of the development, promotion, implementation, and monitoring of economic analysis and market planning, the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council will be the central economic policy development, planning, and monitoring board for all agriculture-related products, livestock, goods, services and agricultural market development. The Council shall serve as an expert economic development advisory board to the executive branch, the state Legislature and the judiciary regarding international export of

Oklahoma agricultural products, livestock, goods, services and agricultural market development.

1. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall be an economic development advisory board for the Oklahoma Department of Commerce for agricultural marketing and investment activities.

2. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall act as policy developer and advisor for the Oklahoma International Trade Development Act to the Department of Agriculture and the Institutions of Higher Learning in their representative capacities for development of agricultural policies and programs for international export sales and markets.

3. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall act as the central policy development board to any newly created Oklahoma agencies, authorities, departments and other entities of state government whose fundamental mission is the economic development of Oklahoma through export of agricultural products, livestock, goods, services and agricultural market development.

4. In its capacity as Oklahoma's central economic policy development, planning, and monitoring board for export of agricultural products, livestock, goods, services and agricultural market development, the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall promote greater collaboration and cooperation between the executive and legislative branches, agribusiness, financial institutions, labor and management, educational institutions and local communities to create increased innovation, creativity, diversity and productivity greater than any one sector can achieve acting alone.

B. 1. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall consist of the following ex officio members or their designee:

- a. the Commissioner of the State Department of Agriculture,

- b. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce,
- c. ~~chairman~~ Chair and ~~vice-chairman~~ Vice Chair of the Agriculture Committee of the House of Representatives,
- d. ~~chairman~~ Chair and ~~vice-chairman~~ Vice Chair of the Agriculture Committee of the State Senate,
- e. the ~~Chairman~~ Chair and Vice Chair of the Economic Development Committee of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
- f. the ~~Chairman~~ Chair and Vice Chair of the Economic Development Committee of the State Senate, and
- g. the ~~Chairman~~ Chair of the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce and Associated Industries;

2. In addition to the members specified in paragraph 1 of this subsection, the Council shall consist of the following:

- a. the Governor shall appoint ~~five~~ six members as follows:
 - (1) a representative of the Oklahoma wheat industry, from a list submitted by statewide wheat producer associations,
 - (2) a representative of the Oklahoma cattle industry, from a list submitted by statewide Oklahoma cattlemen's producer associations,
 - (3) a representative of the Oklahoma pork producers submitted by statewide pork producer associations,
 - (4) a representative of the Oklahoma food processing industry, ~~and~~
 - (5) a representative of a state financial institution with experience in international finance, and
 - (6) one member from the public at large,

b. the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint ~~four~~ five members as follows:

- (1) a representative of the Oklahoma grain and seed industry,
- (2) a representative of the Oklahoma poultry producers,
- (3) a representative of the Oklahoma cotton producers, ~~and~~
- (4) a representative from the pure breed livestock industry, and
- (5) one member from the public at large,

c. the Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint ~~four~~ five members as follows:

- (1) a representative from the Oklahoma nursery industry,
- (2) a representative from the Oklahoma soybean producers,
- (3) a representative from the Oklahoma peanut producers, ~~and~~
- (4) a specialized genetic expert, and
- (5) a member from the public at large.

C. The initial appointments for each gubernatorial and legislative member shall be for progressive terms of one (1) through four (4) years so that only one term expires each calendar year. Each of the first members appointed from the public at large shall serve a term of three (3) years. Subsequent appointments shall be for four-year terms.

D. All appointees to the board shall be selected for outstanding knowledge and leadership in their fields.

E. No appointed member may serve more than two consecutive full terms of office on the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council.

F. Any vacancy in the appointive membership of the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

G. The chairman of the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall be elected annually from among the private sector members. A vice-chairman shall be elected annually from among all the members.

H. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall meet at least six times annually with time lapse between meetings not to exceed sixty (60) days, and at such other times upon the call of the Governor.

I. The Oklahoma International Trade Development Council will be managed by the State Department of Agriculture who is authorized to contract for services either public or private to accomplish the purposes of this act.

J. Nonlegislative members of the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel expenses in performing their duties as members of the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council. Legislative members of the Council shall be reimbursed as provided in Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

K. In making appointments to the board of directors of the Oklahoma International Trade Development Council, appropriate consideration shall be given to representation upon the board by race, gender and geographical area.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1995.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 2nd day of March, 1995.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1995.

President of the Senate