

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2358

By: Pope (Clay) and Reese of
the House

and

Price of the Senate

An Act relating to agriculture; creating an Oklahoma Dairy Committee; providing for duties; providing for appointment, vacancies and qualifications; providing for terms and officers; authorizing reimbursement; requiring certain meetings; providing for certain authority; providing for certain submission acceptance; providing for modification; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7-1.1 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Department of Agriculture shall create an Oklahoma Dairy Committee which shall serve as an advisory committee to the Department of Agriculture. The Committee shall:

1. Assist similarly designed committees or commissions in at least three of the states south and east or contiguous to Oklahoma in the formulation or development of a dairy compact or dairy compacts to effect uniformity in regulating and insuring an adequate

supply of pure and wholesome milk to the public at an equitable and fair price for Oklahoma dairy producers;

2. Submit any such dairy compact to the Legislature of this state for ratification and to Congress for consent; and

3. Such other duties and responsibilities necessary to organize and prepare for the development and implementation of a dairy compact pursuant to this section.

B. 1. The Oklahoma Dairy Committee shall consist of the following persons:

a. the Governor shall appoint three members as follows:

(1) a representative of the Oklahoma cattle industry who is actively engaged in milk production, from a list submitted by statewide Oklahoma cattlemen's producer associations,

(2) a representative of the Oklahoma milk processing industry, and

(3) one member from the public at large,

b. the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint two members as follows:

(1) a representative of an Oklahoma statewide dairy producer association, and

(2) a representative from the pure breed dairy cattle industry, and

c. the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint two members as follows:

(1) a representative from the State Board of Agriculture, and

(2) a member from the public at large.

2. The members shall be residents and voters of the State of Oklahoma.

C. The initial appointments for each gubernatorial and legislative member shall be for progressive terms of one (1) through

three (3) years so that only one term expires each calendar year. Subsequent appointments shall be for three-year terms.

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

E. No appointed member may serve more than three consecutive full terms of office on the Committee.

F. Any vacancy in the membership of the Committee shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

G. The chairman of the Committee shall be elected annually from among the Committee members.

H. The Committee shall meet at least six times annually.

I. Members of the Committee shall be reimbursed by their appointing authority for actual and necessary travel expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act for performance of their duties as members of the Oklahoma Dairy Committee.

J. The Oklahoma Dairy Committee shall have the authority to adopt organizational and operating policies to govern its operations. All organizational and operating policies of the Committee shall be adopted through procedures utilized by and pursuant to the supervision of the Department of Agriculture.

K. 1. During formulation and development of the compact, the State Board of Agriculture may provide recommendations and suggestions for the dairy compact through the Committee.

2. Upon acceptance of the compact by other similarly designed committees or other commissions in at least three of the states south and east or contiguous to Oklahoma, the Board shall have no authority to modify or otherwise alter the compact.

3. When the compact has been formulated and developed, the Committee shall submit the proposed compact to the Legislature for notification.

SECTION 2. 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 23rd day of February, 1998.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1998.

President of the Senate