

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2487

By: Benson and Braddock of
the House

and

Kerr and Capps of the
Senate

An Act relating to agriculture; amending Section 5,
Chapter 198, O.S.L. 1993, as amended by Section 1,
Chapter 381, O.S.L. 1997 (2 O.S. Supp. 1997,
Section 3-50.5), which relates to boll weevils;
clarifying language; and providing an effective
date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 198, O.S.L.
1993, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 381, O.S.L. 1997 (2 O.S.
Supp. 1997, Section 3-50.5), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-50.5 A. 1. There is hereby created a boll weevil
eradication district to be known as the Oklahoma Boll Weevil
Eradication Organization within this state for the purpose of
eradicating boll weevils and for entering into agreements with the
State of Oklahoma, other states, the federal government and other
parties as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Boll
Weevil Eradication Act.

2. The Organization shall be, and is hereby declared to be, a
governmental agency of the State of Oklahoma, body politic and

corporate, with powers of government and with the authority to exercise the rights, privileges and functions specified by the Boll Weevil Eradication Act.

2. B. Membership in the Organization shall be open to all cotton growers in this state. The Organization shall have only one class of members with each member entitled to only one vote.

~~B.~~ C. 1. The Organization's initial board shall be composed of four (4) members. Three members shall be cotton growers from this state who are selected by the Governor from a list of six persons submitted by the Oklahoma Cotton Improvement Association for purposes of appointment to the initial board. The fourth member, appointed by the Governor, shall be a representative of state government from this state. The initial board shall serve only until a board of directors is elected pursuant to Section 3-50.6 of this title.

2. The primary function of the initial board is to:

- a. fairly and equitably establish five election districts,
- b. conduct the election of the first board of directors of the Organization,
- c. establish written procedures for the due and orderly administration of the affairs of the initial board and for its responsibilities specified pursuant to the provisions of the Boll Weevil Eradication Act,
- d. advise, consult and cooperate with agencies of this state and political subdivisions thereof, other states, the federal government and with affected groups,
- e. collect and disseminate information relating to boll weevil eradication,
- f. hold public hearings regarding the establishment of election districts, and

g. facilitate the expeditious transfer of authority to
the elected board of directors.

3. In creating election districts the initial board shall
utilize geographic areas balanced by cotton production density as
the primary factor.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of February,
1998.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1998.

President of the Senate