

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2298

By: Culver

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to agriculture; creating the Oklahoma Ratite Promotion Advisory Council; providing for qualifications; providing for appointment; providing for terms; setting term limits; providing for reimbursement and vacancies; specifying purpose and duties; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 1600.1 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There shall be created the Oklahoma Ratite Promotion Advisory Council to be composed of persons involved in the production and processing of ratites in this state. The Advisory Council shall consist of nine (9) persons. Members of the Advisory Council shall be appointed as follows:

1. Three members shall be appointed by the State Commissioner of Agriculture;

2. Three members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

3. Three members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

Initially, two appointees of the Commissioner, and one appointee each of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year. The remaining appointees of the Advisory Council shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years. Thereafter, all appointees shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years. All appointees shall be eligible for reappointment, but in no case shall any appointee serve for more than six (6) years on the Advisory Council. Vacancies on the Advisory Council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

B. Persons on the Advisory Council shall at all times serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary travel expenses from funds available for the operation of the Department and in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act. The purpose of the Advisory Council is the promotion, growth and development of the ratite industry in Oklahoma. The Advisory Council shall advise the State Commissioner of Agriculture, the State Board of Agriculture and the State Department of Agriculture on:

1. Advertisement and promotion of products;
2. Market development;
3. Research and producer education; and
4. Such other matters and activities as directed by the Commissioner or by the Board.

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

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