

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Committee Substitute for  
House Bill No. 2585

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2585 - By: HYMAN of the House and \_\_\_\_ of the Senate.

An Act relating to agriculture; amending 2 O.S. 2001, Section 18-52, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 47, O.S.L. 2006 (2 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 18-52), which relates to the Oklahoma Peanut Commission; modifying membership appointment process; and declaring an emergency.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 2 O.S. 2001, Section 18-52, as last amended by  
2 Section 1, Chapter 47, O.S.L. 2006 (2 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 18-52), is amended to read  
3 as follows:

4 Section 18-52. A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until July 1, 2012, in  
5 accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Oklahoma Peanut  
6 Commission composed of six (6) members selected from districts described as follows:

7 1. District I shall consist of the following counties: Carter, Creek, Cleveland,  
8 Garvin, Johnston, Lincoln, Logan, Love, McClain, Marshall, Murray, Muskogee,  
9 Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Payne, Pawnee, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Seminole, Tulsa,  
10 Wagoner, Noble, Kay, Osage, Atoka, Bryan, Choctaw, Coal, Haskell, Hughes, LeFlore,

1 McCurtain, McIntosh, Okfuskee, Pittsburg, Pushmataha, Latimer, Sequoyah, Adair,  
2 Cherokee, Delaware, Ottawa, Craig, Mayes, Rogers, Nowata and Washington;

3 2. District II shall consist of the following counties: Alfalfa, Grant, Major, Garfield,  
4 Kingfisher, Canadian, Caddo, Grady, Comanche, Stephens, Jefferson, Cotton and Blaine;  
5 and

6 3. District III shall consist of the following counties: Cimarron, Texas, Beaver,  
7 Harper, Woods, Woodward, Ellis, Dewey, Roger Mills, Custer, Beckham, Washita, Kiowa,  
8 Tillman, Jackson, Harmon and Greer.

9 B. A meeting shall be held annually by the Commission within each district at  
10 which all producers in the district may attend and be present for the purpose of:

- 11 1. Nominating producers to fill any expiring district appointments;  
12 2. Ascertaining the needs of the producers within the district; and  
13 3. Determining whether or not the policies and activities of the Commission are  
14 meeting those needs.

15 C. District meetings shall be advertised in the "Oklahoma Peanut", the official  
16 newspaper of the Oklahoma Peanut Commission, stating the date, the time and the place  
17 of each meeting to be held.

18 D. Election of ~~six~~ four nominees from each district shall be conducted by the  
19 Oklahoma Peanut Commission. Appointments to the Commission shall be made by the  
20 Governor from the list of ~~six~~ four nominees in each district. The manner in which these  
21 ~~six~~ four nominees are elected shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors of the  
22 Oklahoma Peanut Commission.

1 E. All elections for selection of a nominee by the districts shall be held by  
2 September 1, 2004. Members of the Commission serving on the effective date of this act  
3 shall continue to serve until the Governor appoints a new member.

4 F. The members of the Commission appointed for service effective July 1, 2004,  
5 shall hold their offices as follows:

- 6 1. Commissioners for District I shall serve for one (1) year;
- 7 2. Commissioners for District II shall serve for three (3) years; and
- 8 3. Commissioners for District III shall serve for two (2) years; thereafter, the  
9 Commissioners shall be appointed for three-year terms.

10 Re-creation of the Commission will not alter the existing staggered terms.

11 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
12 peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
13 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and  
14 after its passage and approval.

15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, dated 02-26-  
16 08 - DO PASS, As Amended.