

EHB 2585

THE STATE SENATE
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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:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 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), is amended to read as follows:

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

1. District I shall consist of the following counties: Carter, Creek, Cleveland, Garvin, Johnston, Lincoln, Logan, Love, McClain, Marshall, Murray, Muskogee, Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Payne, Pawnee, Pontotoc, Pottawatomie, Seminole, Tulsa, Wagoner, Noble, Kay, Osage, Atoka, Bryan, Choctaw, Coal, Haskell, Hughes, LeFlore, McCurtain, McIntosh, Okfuskee, Pittsburg, Pushmataha, Latimer, Sequoyah, Adair,

1 Cherokee, Delaware, Ottawa, Craig, Mayes, Rogers, Nowata and
2 Washington;

3 2. District II shall consist of the following counties:

4 Alfalfa, Grant, Major, Garfield, Kingfisher, Canadian, Caddo, Grady,
5 Comanche, Stephens, Jefferson, Cotton and Blaine; and

6 3. District III shall consist of the following counties:

7 Cimarron, Texas, Beaver, Harper, Woods, Woodward, Ellis, Dewey,
8 Roger Mills, Custer, Beckham, Washita, Kiowa, Tillman, Jackson,
9 Harmon and Greer.

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

13 1. Nominating producers to fill any expiring district
14 appointments;

15 2. Ascertaining the needs of the producers within the district;
16 and

17 3. Determining whether or not the policies and activities of
18 the Commission are meeting those needs.

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

22 D. Election of ~~six~~ four nominees from each district shall be
23 conducted by the Oklahoma Peanut Commission. Appointments to the

1 Commission shall be made by the Governor from the list of ~~six~~ four
2 nominees in each district. The manner in which these ~~six~~ four
3 nominees are elected shall be at the discretion of the Board of
4 Directors of the Oklahoma Peanut Commission.

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

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

11 1. Commissioners for District I shall serve for one (1) year;

12 2. Commissioners for District II shall serve for three (3)
13 years; and

14 3. Commissioners for District III shall serve for two (2)
15 years; thereafter, the Commissioners shall be appointed for three-
16 year terms.

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

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

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
24 dated 3-31-08 - DO PASS.