



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1042

SENATE BILL NO. 1800

By Niceley, Norris

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1990

By Sanderson, Casada, McCormick

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 43, Chapter 30, relative to the viticulture advisory board.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 43-30-102, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) There is created the viticulture advisory board to be appointed by the governor and composed of nine (9) members as follows:

(1) One (1) member who is a representative of the University of Tennessee college of agricultural sciences and natural resources;

(2) One (1) member who is a representative of the department of agriculture;

(3) One (1) member who is a representative of the department of tourist development;

(4) Three (3) members with a commercial interest in the growing of grapes; and

(5) Three (3) members with a commercial interest in the processing of grapes.

(b) The term of office of each board member shall be four (4) years, with terms to be staggered in accordance with the original appointments that began on July 1, 1991, except that the term for each additional member appointed pursuant to subdivision (a)(4) or (5) shall begin on July 1, 2016. Board members are eligible to succeed themselves, but not for more than two (2) four-year terms; provided, that representatives of the college of agricultural sciences and natural resources, the department of agriculture, and the department of tourist development may succeed themselves for not more than four (4) four-year terms.

(c) The governor shall fill any vacancy occurring in an office of a board member that occurs prior to the expiration of the member's term in the same manner as a regular appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(d) The governor shall consult with industries and organizations represented on the board to determine qualified persons to fill positions on the board.

(e) All board members shall serve without compensation; provided, that board members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with the comprehensive travel regulations promulgated by the commissioner of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

(f) Board members may be removed for cause by the governor.

(g) The board shall elect a chair, a vice chair, and a secretary from among the board members appointed pursuant to subdivision (a), and adopt rules of procedure for governing the board's deliberations. The terms of the officers shall be for one (1) year.

(h) The board shall meet at the call of its chair, at the request of a majority of its membership, at the request of the governor, at the request of the commissioner of agriculture, or at such times as may be prescribed by its rules.

(i) Five (5) board members shall constitute a quorum for all purposes, and an act effected by a majority at any properly constituted meeting shall be an official act of the board.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 21, 2016

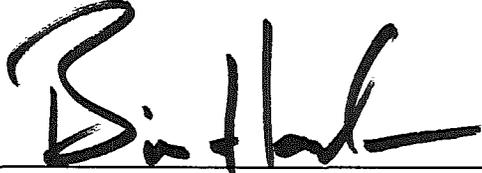


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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28th day of April 2016



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR