

SENATE BILL No. 16

AN ACT concerning the Kansas agricultural remediation board; relating to the terms of members thereof; amending K.S.A. 2-3709 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2-3709 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-3709. (a) There is hereby created the Kansas agricultural remediation board. The board shall consist of five members appointed by the governor. Of the five members, one shall be a representative of agricultural retailers, one shall be a representative of agricultural producers, one shall be a representative of agricultural processors, one shall be a representative of specialty chemical distributors or retailers and one shall be a representative of agricultural and specialty chemical registrants. Not more than three voting members shall be members of the same political party. One representative of the Kansas department of agriculture and one representative of the Kansas department of health and environment shall serve as members of the board *ex officio*.

(b) (1) Members appointed by the governor shall be subject to confirmation by the senate as provided by K.S.A. 75-4315b, and amendments thereto. Except as provided by K.S.A. 46-2601, and amendments thereto, no person appointed to the board, whose appointment is subject to confirmation shall exercise any power, duty or function as a member of the board until confirmed by the senate. *Except as provided by this section*, the term of office of each member of the board shall be four years, ~~except~~. The initial appointments to the board shall be as follows: Two members shall be appointed for terms of two years, two members shall be appointed for terms of three years and one member shall be appointed for a term of four years. The governor shall designate the term of office for each member appointed to the first board. Each member shall serve until a successor is appointed and confirmed. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the membership of the board prior to the expiration of a term of office, the governor shall appoint a qualified successor to fill the unexpired term.

(2) *The terms of members appointed pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection who are serving on the board on the effective date of this act shall expire on March 15, of the year in which such member's term would have expired under the provisions of this section prior to amendment by this act. Thereafter, members shall be appointed for terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and confirmed.*

(c) The governor shall designate the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the board from the members of such board.

(d) Meetings shall be held as determined by the board.

(e) Members of the board attending meetings of the board, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by the board, shall be paid compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2-3709 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.