

1 AN ACT relating to the State Board of Agriculture and declaring an emergency.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 246.120 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) The board shall consist of eighteen (18) members as follows:
- 5 (a) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee, who shall be a voting
6 member and serve as chairman;
- 7 (b) The dean of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and
8 Environment or the dean's designee, who shall be a voting member and serve
9 as vice chairman;
- 10 (c) Thirteen (13) citizens of the Commonwealth appointed by the
11 Commissioner~~Governor~~ who shall serve as voting members, specifically:
- 12 1. Four (4) members who are farmers with experience in crop production,
13 each of whom shall be selected from a list of at least three (3)
14 individuals nominated by the Kentucky Corn Growers Association, the
15 Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association, the Kentucky Soybean
16 Association, or other similar trade organizations or commodity groups;
- 17 2. Four (4) members who are farmers with experience in animal
18 agriculture, each of whom shall be selected from a list of at least three
19 (3) individuals nominated by the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, the
20 Kentucky Dairy Development Council, the Kentucky Pork Producers
21 Association, the Kentucky Poultry Federation, the Kentucky Sheep and
22 Goat Development Office, or other similar trade organizations or
23 commodity groups;
- 24 3. Three (3) members who shall be appointed from the state at large who
25 are farmers with due consideration to geographical distribution
26 throughout the state and industry representation;
- 27 4. One (1) member who shall be appointed from a list of at least three (3)

- 1 individuals nominated by the AgriBusiness Association of Kentucky or
 2 other similar trade organizations representing agribusiness; and
- 3 5. One (1) member who shall be appointed from a list of at least three (3)
 4 individuals nominated by the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation;
- 5 (d) The state president of the Kentucky FFA Association who shall serve as a
 6 nonvoting member for the duration of his or her term;
- 7 (e) The state president of the Kentucky Young Farmers Association who shall
 8 serve as a nonvoting member for the duration of his or her term; and
- 9 (f) The state president of the Kentucky 4-H who shall serve as a nonvoting
 10 member for the duration of his or her term.
- 11 (2) The members who serve on the board and were appointed by the
 12 Commissioner~~Governor~~ shall serve four (4) year terms and shall serve until their
 13 successors are duly appointed and qualified.~~[The initial appointments shall be for~~
 14 ~~staggered terms, as follows:~~
- 15 (a)~~Three (3) members shall be appointed for one (1) year;~~
 16 (b)~~Three (3) members shall be appointed for two (2) years;~~
 17 (c)~~Three (3) members shall be appointed for three (3) years; and~~
 18 (d)~~Four (4) members shall be appointed for four (4) years.]~~ No more than eight
 19 (8) of the thirteen (13) shall belong to the same political party.
- 20 (3) Upon the expiration of the term of a member of the board, the
 21 Commissioner~~Governor~~ shall appoint a successor. A board member whose term
 22 has expired shall serve until a replacement has been appointed and qualified. No
 23 person shall serve on the board for more than twelve (12) years.
- 24 (4) The board shall be a body corporate under the corporate name "State Board of
 25 Agriculture" and shall have the usual corporate powers.
- 26 ➔Section 2. KRS 257.230 is amended to read as follows:
- 27 The state veterinarian shall be an~~the chief executive~~ agent of the board, shall ~~execute~~

1 ~~and~~ enforce the administrative regulations of the board and, under the direction of the
2 board, shall supervise and control the action of all deputies, inspectors, agents and
3 specialists within the Office of the State Veterinarian~~[employed by the board]~~. He or she
4 shall devote his or her entire time to the duties of ~~the~~^[his] office. He or she shall
5 recommend from time to time such changes in the administrative regulations of the
6 board, as he or she deems necessary, and do all other things necessary and proper for the
7 successful enforcement of this chapter.

8 ➔Section 3. Whereas, in order to ensure that Kentucky's farmers receive the
9 assistance they so desperately need, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes
10 effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a
11 law.