

SENATE BILL NO. 54—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(ON BEHALF OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 18, 2020

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the State Board of Agriculture. (BDR 50-263)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~fomitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to agriculture; revising the qualifications of the members of the State Board of Agriculture; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law creates the State Board of Agriculture, consisting of 11 members,
2 and sets forth the qualifications of the members. (NRS 561.045, 561.055) **Section 1**
3 of this bill revises the membership of the Board by requiring that: (1) two members
4 are actively engaged in livestock production; (2) two members are actively engaged
5 in growing crops, at least one of which is a specialty crop harvested by mechanical
6 cultivation; (3) one member is working in the field of supplemental nutrition
7 distribution; and (4) one member is actively engaged in food manufacturing or
8 animal processing. **Section 1** also removes the requirement that certain members be
9 actively engaged in: (1) range or semirange cattle or sheep production; (2) general
10 farming; and (3) growing crops which are planted in rows. **Section 2** of this bill: (1)
11 provides that each member who is serving on the State Board on June 30, 2022,
12 continues to serve until the expiration of his or her term or until a vacancy occurs,
13 whichever occurs first; and (2) requires the Governor to appoint the members
14 representing supplemental nutrition distribution and food manufacturing or animal
15 processing to terms commencing on July 1, 2022.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 561.055 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 561.055 1. ~~{Three members}~~ *The membership* of the Board
3 ~~{must be}~~ *consists of:*



1 (a) *Two members who are* actively engaged in ~~[range or~~
2 ~~semirange cattle]~~ livestock production. ~~[, one in]~~

3 (b) *One member who is actively engaged in* dairy production .
4 ~~[, one in range or semirange sheep production, one in general~~
5 ~~farming, one]~~

6 (c) *One member who is actively engaged* in general agriculture .
7 ~~[, one in growing crops which are planted in rows spaced to permit~~
8 ~~mechanical cultivation, one]~~

9 (d) *Two members who are actively engaged in growing crops,*
10 *at least one of which is a specialty crop harvested by mechanical*
11 *cultivation.*

12 (e) *One member who is actively engaged* in the control of pests
13 ~~[, one]~~

14 (f) *One member who is actively engaged* in the petroleum
15 industry. ~~[and one]~~

16 (g) *One member who is actively engaged* in raising nursery
17 stock.

18 (h) *One member who is working in the field of supplemental*
19 *nutrition distribution.*

20 (i) *One member who is actively engaged in food*
21 *manufacturing or animal processing.*

22 2. Not more than two members may be residents of the same
23 county, and the ~~[range or semirange cattle production]~~ members
24 *appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 and the*
25 *members appointed pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1*
26 *must be residents of different counties.*

27 **Sec. 2.** The amendatory provisions of section 1 of this act do
28 not affect the current term of any person who, on June 30, 2022, is a
29 member of the State Board of Agriculture, and each such member
30 continues to serve until the expiration of his or her current term or
31 until a vacancy occurs, whichever occurs first. On or before July 1,
32 2022, the Governor shall appoint to the State Board of Agriculture:

33 1. One person who satisfies the qualifications set forth in
34 paragraph (h) of subsection 1 of NRS 561.055, as amended by
35 section 1 of this act, to a term commencing on July 1, 2022; and

36 2. One person who satisfies the qualifications set forth in
37 paragraph (i) of subsection 1 of NRS 561.055, as amended by
38 section 1 of this act, to a term commencing on July 1, 2022.

39 **Sec. 3.** 1. This section and section 2 of this act become
40 effective upon passage and approval.

41 2. Section 1 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2022.

