

SENATE BILL 1579

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2 and Title 43, Chapter 20, relative to the Tennessee soybean promotion board.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-235(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (68) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

4-29-241.

(a) The following governmental entities shall terminate on June 30, 2020:

( ) Tennessee soybean promotion board, created by § 43-20-102;

(b) Each department, commission, board, agency, or council of state government created during calendar year 2018 terminates on June 30, 2020.

(c) Any governmental entity that has been terminated under this section may be continued, reestablished or restructured in accordance with this chapter.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 43-20-102, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting the following:

(a) The Tennessee soybean promotion board, referred to in this chapter as the board, is created, to be composed of nine (9) members to be appointed by the commissioner of agriculture to serve for terms of three (3) years, as provided in this section. All of the nine (9) members of the board shall be producers of soybeans in the state of Tennessee. Within ten (10) days following July 1, 1977, the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative, and the Tennessee Soybean

Association shall each submit the names of six (6) soybean producers to the commissioner, and the commissioner shall appoint three (3) members from the nominees of each organization to serve on the board on rotating three-year terms. The original board shall be appointed with members of each of the organizations appointed as follows: one (1) for one (1) year, one (1) for two (2) years and one (1) for three (3) years. Each year thereafter, not less than thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of board members' terms, any association of soybean producers including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative, and the Tennessee Soybean Association may submit the names of nominees to the commissioner, and the commissioner may select any soybean producers, whether or not such soybean producers were nominated by an association, to serve on succeeding boards. In making appointments to the board, the commissioner shall consult with interested groups, including, but not limited to, the Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, the Tennessee Farmers Cooperative, and the Tennessee Soybean Association. Vacancies that occur shall be filled by appointment of the commissioner. No member of the board shall be eligible to serve successive terms on the board. The commissioner or a designee from the commissioner's staff shall serve as an advisor to the board.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.