

CHAPTER 150**(SB 93)**

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

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

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

- (1) The board shall consist of eighteen (18) members as follows:
 - (a) The commissioner or the commissioner's designee, who shall be a voting member and serve as chairman;
 - (b) The dean of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment or the dean's designee, who shall be a voting member and serve as vice chairman;
 - (c) Thirteen (13) citizens of the Commonwealth appointed by the **Commissioner**~~[Governor]~~ who shall serve as voting members, specifically:
 1. Four (4) members who are farmers with experience in crop production, each of whom shall be selected from a list of at least three (3) individuals nominated by the Kentucky Corn Growers Association, the Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association, the Kentucky Soybean Association, or other similar trade organizations or commodity groups;
 2. Four (4) members who are farmers with experience in animal agriculture, each of whom shall be selected from a list of at least three (3) individuals nominated by the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, the Kentucky Dairy Development Council, the Kentucky Pork Producers Association, the Kentucky Poultry Federation, the Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development Office, or other similar trade organizations or commodity groups;
 3. Three (3) members who shall be appointed from the state at large who are farmers with due consideration to geographical distribution throughout the state and industry representation;
 4. One (1) member who shall be appointed from a list of at least three (3) individuals nominated by the AgriBusiness Association of Kentucky or other similar trade organizations representing agribusiness; and
 5. One (1) member who shall be appointed from a list of at least three (3) individuals nominated by the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation;
 - (d) The state president of the Kentucky FFA Association who shall serve as a nonvoting member for the duration of his or her term;
 - (e) The state president of the Kentucky Young Farmers Association who shall serve as a nonvoting member for the duration of his or her term; and
 - (f) The state president of the Kentucky 4-H who shall serve as a nonvoting member for the duration of his or her term.
- (2) The members who serve on the board and were appointed by the **Commissioner**~~[Governor]~~ shall serve four (4) year terms and shall serve until their successors are duly appointed and qualified.~~[The initial appointments shall be for staggered terms, as follows:~~
 - ~~(a) Three (3) members shall be appointed for one (1) year;~~
 - ~~(b) Three (3) members shall be appointed for two (2) years;~~
 - ~~(c) Three (3) members shall be appointed for three (3) years; and~~
 - ~~(d) Four (4) members shall be appointed for four (4) years.]~~ No more than eight (8) of the thirteen (13) shall belong to the same political party.
- (3) Upon the expiration of the term of a member of the board, the **Commissioner**~~[Governor]~~ shall appoint a successor. A board member whose term has expired shall serve until a replacement has been appointed and qualified. No person shall serve on the board for more than twelve (12) years.

- (4) The board shall be a body corporate under the corporate name "State Board of Agriculture" and shall have the usual corporate powers.

➔Section 2. KRS 257.230 is amended to read as follows:

The state veterinarian shall be ~~an~~~~the chief executive~~ agent of the board, shall ~~execute and~~ enforce the *administrative* regulations of the board and, under the direction of the board, shall supervise and control the action of all deputies, inspectors, agents and specialists *within the Office of the State Veterinarian*~~employed by the board~~. He *or she* shall devote his *or her* entire time to the duties of ~~the~~~~his~~ office. He *or she* shall recommend from time to time such changes in the *administrative* regulations of the board, as he *or she* deems necessary, and do all other things necessary and proper for the successful enforcement of this chapter.

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

Veto overridden March 29, 2021.