

SENATE FILE NO. _____

Board of agriculture-reorganization.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, Public Lands and Water
Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the board of agriculture; modifying the
2 board membership; extending the board membership term;
3 increasing compensation; eliminating political party
4 requirement; providing an appropriation; and providing for
5 an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-2-102(a) and (b) and 11-2-104 are
10 amended to read:

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12 **11-2-102. Composition; qualifications; appointment**
13 **and removal of members; quorum.**

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15 (a) The board shall consist of ~~nine (9)~~ fifteen (15)
16 members, including the governor and the dean of the

1 University of Wyoming college of agriculture or his
2 designated representative as ex officio nonvoting members.
3 ~~Seven (7)~~ Thirteen (13) members shall be appointed by the
4 governor with the advice and consent of the senate and may
5 be removed by the governor as provided in W.S. 9-1-202.
6 One (1) member shall be appointed from each of the ~~seven~~
7 ~~(7) appointment districts pursuant to W.S. 9-1-218~~ top
8 three (3) agriculture producing counties as determined by
9 the latest United States bureau of economic analysis, to be
10 updated every six (6) years. The twenty (20) remaining
11 counties shall be divided into ten (10) districts and one
12 (1) member shall be appointed from each of the districts.
13 Appointments in each ~~appointment~~ district shall be rotated
14 ~~among~~ between the ~~several~~ two (2) counties comprising the
15 district. The initial top three (3) counties shall be
16 Goshen, Laramie and Platte counties. The remaining
17 counties shall be divided into districts as follows:

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19 (i) Albany and Carbon counties;

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21 (ii) Big Horn and Park counties;

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23 (iii) Campbell and Crook counties;

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1 (iv) Converse and Natrona counties;

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3 (v) Fremont and Sweetwater counties;

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5 (vi) Hot Springs and Washakie counties;

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7 (vii) Johnson and Sheridan counties;

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9 (viii) Lincoln and Uinta counties;

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11 (ix) Niobrara and Weston counties; and

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13 (x) Sublette and Teton counties.

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15 (b) Appointed members shall be appointed for a term
16 of ~~four (4)~~ six (6) years. The ~~seven (7)~~ thirteen (13)
17 members appointed ~~from the various districts~~ by the
18 governor shall be selected to represent a cross-section of
19 the agricultural industry and shall be engaged chiefly in
20 agricultural work. ~~, and not more than four (4) shall be~~
21 ~~members of the same political party~~ The members from
22 Goshen, Laramie and Platte counties and the members from
23 districts identified in paragraphs (a)(i) and (ii) of this
24 section shall serve initial terms of six (6) years. The

1 members from the districts identified in paragraphs
2 (a)(iii) through (vi) of this section shall serve initial
3 terms of four (4) years. The members from the districts
4 identified in paragraphs (a)(vii) through (x) of this
5 section shall serve initial terms of two (2) years.

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7 **11-2-104. Salary and expenses; oath; election of**
8 **president and vice-president.**

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10 The board members, except the governor and the dean of the
11 University of Wyoming college of agriculture, shall be paid
12 ~~ten dollars (\$10.00) per day when acting in their official~~
13 ~~capacity and shall be reimbursed for traveling expenses as~~
14 ~~provided by W.S. 9-3-102 for state employees~~ the same
15 salary, mileage and per diem for attending and traveling to
16 and from board meetings in the same manner and amount as
17 members of the Wyoming legislature. The appointed board
18 members, within a reasonable time after their appointment,
19 shall qualify by taking the constitutional oath of office
20 and filing it with the secretary of state. The appointed
21 members shall elect from their members a president and
22 vice-president.

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1 **Section 2.** There is appropriated from the general
2 fund to the department of agriculture seventy-five thousand
3 dollars (\$75,000.00) to implement this act.

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5 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2006.

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