

CHAPTER 181

AGRICULTURE

SENATE BILL 08-096

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AN ACT

CONCERNING A CHANGE TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE STATE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT CERTAIN MEMBERS FROM THE STATE AT LARGE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 35-1-105 (1) (a) and (1) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

35-1-105. State agricultural commission. (1) (a) There is hereby created the state agricultural commission, referred to in this article as the "commission", which shall consist of nine members, each of whom shall be appointed by the governor, with the consent of the senate, for terms of four years each. ~~Two~~ Of such members, ONE MEMBER shall be appointed from each OF THE FOUR agricultural ~~district~~ DISTRICTS, as defined in paragraph (c) of this subsection (1), and ~~of said two members, one shall be appointed from each major political party. One member~~ FIVE MEMBERS shall be appointed from the state at large; EXCEPT THAT NO MORE THAN THREE MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED FROM ANY ONE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT. NO MORE THAN FIVE OF THE NINE MEMBERS SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY.

(b) The members of ~~said~~ THE commission shall be appointed from persons WHO ARE CURRENTLY OR WERE PREVIOUSLY actively engaged in the business of agriculture and allied activities, but a majority of the commission shall be appointed from persons actively engaged in the business of agriculture in such a manner that representation of no agricultural commodity organization shall constitute a majority of the commission. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled by the governor by the appointment of a qualified person.

SECTION 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day

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following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution, (August 6, 2008, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2008); except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: April 25, 2008