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SENATE DRS85109-MH-66A* (02/28)

Short Title: Bd. of Agriculture Forestry/Nursery Appts.-AB (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Barefoot, Rabin, and Cook (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION OF FORESTRY AND NURSERY
3 INTERESTS ON THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 106.2 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 106-2. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services established; Board of
7 Agriculture, membership, terms of office, etc.

8 (a) Board established. – The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is
9 created and established and shall be under the control of the Commissioner of Agriculture, with
10 the consent and advice of a board to be styled "The Board of Agriculture."

11 (b) Membership; qualifications. – The Board of Agriculture shall consist of the
12 Commissioner of Agriculture, who shall be ex officio a member and chairman thereof and shall
13 preside at all meetings, and of 10 other members from the State at large, so distributed as to
14 reasonably represent the different sections and agriculture of the State. The Commissioner of
15 Agriculture and the members of the Board of Agriculture shall be practical farmers engaged in
16 their profession. In the appointment of the members of the Board the Governor shall also take
17 into consideration the different agricultural interests of the State, and shall appoint members
18 with the following qualifications:

19 (1) ~~one~~ One member who shall be a practical tobacco farmer to represent the
20 tobacco farming ~~interest,~~interest.

21 (2) ~~one~~ One member who shall be a practical cotton grower to represent the
22 cotton ~~interest,~~interest.

23 (3) ~~one~~ One member who shall be a practical truck farmer or general farmer to
24 represent the truck and general farming ~~interest,~~interest.

25 (4) ~~one~~ One member who shall be a practical dairy farmer to represent the dairy
26 and livestock interest of the ~~State,~~State.

27 (5) ~~one~~ One member who shall be a practical poultryman to represent the
28 poultry interest of the ~~State,~~State.

29 (6) ~~one~~ One member who shall be a practical peanut grower to represent the
30 peanut ~~interests,~~interests of the State.

31 (7) ~~one~~ One member who shall be experienced in marketing to represent the
32 marketing of products of the State.

33 (8) One member who shall be actively involved in forestry to represent the
34 forestry interests of the State.

35 (9) One member who shall be actively involved in the nursery business to
36 represent the nursery industry of the State.



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1 (c) Terms; vacancies. – The members of such Board shall be appointed by the Governor
2 by and with the consent of the Senate, when the terms of the incumbents respectively expire.
3 The term of office of such members shall be six years and until their successors are duly
4 appointed and qualified. The terms of office of the five members constituting the present Board
5 of Agriculture shall continue for the time for which they were appointed. In making
6 appointments for the enlarged Board of Agriculture, the Governor shall make the appointments
7 so that the term of three members will be for two years, three for four and four for six years.
8 Thereafter the appointments shall be made for six years. Vacancies in such Board shall be filled
9 by the Governor for the unexpired term. ~~The Commissioner of Agriculture and the members of~~
10 ~~the Board of Agriculture shall be practical farmers engaged in their profession."~~

11 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2013, and applies to appointments
12 to the Board of Agriculture made on or after that date.