

AN ACT

relating to the date by which a pest management zone or cotton grower may request an extension of the cotton stalk destruction deadline.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsections (b) and (c), Section 74.0032, Agriculture Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) If adverse weather conditions or other good cause exists, the administrative committee that governs the applicable pest management zone may request that the department grant an extension of the cotton stalk destruction deadline for any specified part of the pest management zone or for the entire pest management zone. A request under this subsection must be made within the period specified by department rule ~~[not later than 10 business days before the applicable cotton stalk destruction deadline]~~. A field is not subject to a hostable cotton fee if the department grants an extension of the deadline. The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation shall submit to the department an estimate of the amount by which an extension under this subsection will increase the cost of administering the boll weevil eradication program.

(c) If the applicable administrative committee does not request an extension, or if the department denies a request for an extension of the cotton stalk destruction deadline for a specified

1 part of a pest management zone, a cotton grower may apply for an
2 individual extension of the deadline. A request under this
3 subsection must be made within the period specified by department
4 rule [~~not later than 10 business days before the applicable pest~~
5 ~~management zone's stalk destruction deadline~~].

6 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by Section 74.0032,
7 Agriculture Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to a request
8 for an extension made on or after the effective date of this Act. A
9 request for an extension made before the effective date of this Act
10 is subject to the law in effect on that date, and that law is
11 continued in effect for that purpose.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 378 passed the Senate on April 21, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 378 passed the House on May 5, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor