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H.B. No. 2312

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to beef marketing, education, research, and promotion of the Texas Beef Council.

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

SECTION 1. Section 41.152(b), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The council shall be the certified organization to plan, implement, and operate research, education, promotion, and marketing programs under this subchapter. The council shall ~~is~~ ~~the state beef council qualified to~~ collect the proceeds of and administer in this state the beef check off program established by federal law. If the council establishes a beef check off program under Section 41.1571, the council shall administer that program.

SECTION 2. Sections 41.156(a) and (c), Agriculture Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The council is composed of 20 members ~~[nominated by the council and appointed by the commissioner]~~ as follows:

(1) three representatives appointed by ~~[of]~~ the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association;

(2) three representatives appointed by ~~[of]~~ the Texas Cattle Feeders Association;

(3) three representatives appointed by ~~[of]~~ the Texas Farm Bureau;

(4) two representatives appointed by ~~[of]~~ the

1 Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas;

2 (5) two representatives appointed by ~~[of]~~ the Texas
3 purebred cattle industry;

4 (6) two representatives appointed by ~~[of]~~ the Texas
5 dairy industry;

6 (7) one representative appointed by ~~[of]~~ the Livestock
7 Marketing Association of Texas;

8 (8) one representative appointed by ~~[of]~~ meat packer
9 and exporter associations;

10 (9) one representative appointed by ~~[of]~~ Texas
11 CattleWomen; and

12 (10) two at-large directors appointed by the chair of
13 the council.

14 (c) The original appointing authority ~~[commissioner, on~~
15 ~~recommendation of the council,~~] shall fill a vacancy on the council
16 by appointment for the unexpired term.

17 SECTION 3. Subchapter H, Chapter 41, Agriculture Code, is
18 amended by adding Section 41.1571 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 41.1571. STATE BEEF CHECK OFF PROGRAM. The council may
20 establish and operate a beef check off program.

21 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act regarding the
22 appointment of members of the council does not affect the
23 entitlement of a member serving on the committee immediately before
24 the effective date of this Act to continue to serve as a member of
25 the committee for the remainder of the member's term. The change in
26 law applies only to a member appointed on or after the effective
27 date of this Act.

1 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.