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S.B. No. 743

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the Texas Olive Oil Industry Advisory Board.

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

SECTION 1. Title 3, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding Chapter 50D to read as follows:

CHAPTER 50D. TEXAS OLIVE OIL INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD

Sec. 50D.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "board" means the Texas Olive Oil Industry Advisory Board.

Sec. 50D.002. BOARD. (a) The board is composed of the following nine members appointed by the commissioner:

(1) five members who are olive growers, one of whom represents each of the five established olive-growing regions of the state as determined by the commissioner;

(2) one representative of infrastructure who is engaged in harvesting, milling, or agritourism;

(3) one researcher or educator who is employed by an institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code;

(4) one representative from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service; and

(5) one representative from the department.

(b) The board shall elect a presiding officer from among its members.

(c) Members of the board serve staggered six-year terms,

1 with the terms of three members expiring on February 1 of each  
2 odd-numbered year. Members may be reappointed at the end of a term.

3 (d) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the  
4 size, composition, or duration of the board.

5 (e) Service on the board by a state officer or employee is an  
6 additional duty of the member's office or employment. Members of  
7 the board are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement of  
8 expenses.

9 (f) The board may accept gifts and grants from any source to  
10 be used to carry out a function of the board.

11 Sec. 50D.003. DUTIES. The board shall:

12 (1) assist the department in:

13 (A) assessing the state of the olive and olive  
14 oil industry in this state;

15 (B) developing recommendations to the  
16 commissioner and the legislature to promote and expand the olive  
17 and olive oil industry in this state;

18 (C) identifying and obtaining grants and gifts to  
19 promote and expand the olive and olive oil industry in this state;  
20 and

21 (D) developing a long-term vision and marketable  
22 identity for the olive and olive oil industry in this state that  
23 take into consideration future industry development, funding,  
24 research, educational programming, risk management, and marketing;  
25 and

26 (2) review and provide guidance on rules impacting the  
27 olive and olive oil industry in this state.

1       Sec. 50D.004. MEETINGS. The board shall meet twice each  
2 year and may meet at other times considered necessary by the  
3 commissioner.

4       Sec. 50D.005. STAFF. The board is administratively  
5 attached to the department. The department shall provide the board  
6 with the staff necessary to carry out the board's duties under this  
7 chapter.

8       SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
9 of this Act, the commissioner of agriculture shall appoint the  
10 members of the Texas Olive Oil Industry Advisory Board as provided  
11 by Chapter 50D, Agriculture Code, as added by this Act.

12       SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.