

1-1 By: Hall, et al. S.B. No. 743  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 11, 2019; March 1, 2019,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture;  
 1-4 March 12, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4,  
 1-5 Nays 0; March 12, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to the Texas Olive Oil Industry Advisory Board.  
 1-16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-17 SECTION 1. Title 3, Agriculture Code, is amended by adding  
 1-18 Chapter 50D to read as follows:  
 1-19 CHAPTER 50D. TEXAS OLIVE OIL INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD  
 1-20 Sec. 50D.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "board" means  
 1-21 the Texas Olive Oil Industry Advisory Board.  
 1-22 Sec. 50D.002. BOARD. (a) The board is composed of the  
 1-23 following nine members appointed by the commissioner:  
 1-24 (1) five members who are olive growers, one of whom  
 1-25 represents each of the five established olive-growing regions of  
 1-26 the state as determined by the commissioner;  
 1-27 (2) one representative of infrastructure who is  
 1-28 engaged in harvesting, milling, or agritourism;  
 1-29 (3) one researcher or educator who is employed by an  
 1-30 institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003,  
 1-31 Education Code;  
 1-32 (4) one representative from the Texas A&M AgriLife  
 1-33 Extension Service; and  
 1-34 (5) one representative from the department.  
 1-35 (b) The board shall elect a presiding officer from among its  
 1-36 members.  
 1-37 (c) Members of the board serve staggered six-year terms,  
 1-38 with the terms of three members expiring on February 1 of each  
 1-39 odd-numbered year. Members may be reappointed at the end of a term.  
 1-40 (d) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the  
 1-41 size, composition, or duration of the board.  
 1-42 (e) Service on the board by a state officer or employee is an  
 1-43 additional duty of the member's office or employment. Members of  
 1-44 the board are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement of  
 1-45 expenses.  
 1-46 (f) The board may accept gifts and grants from any source to  
 1-47 be used to carry out a function of the board.  
 1-48 Sec. 50D.003. DUTIES. The board shall:  
 1-49 (1) assist the department in:  
 1-50 (A) assessing the state of the olive and olive  
 1-51 oil industry in this state;  
 1-52 (B) developing recommendations to the  
 1-53 commissioner and the legislature to promote and expand the olive  
 1-54 and olive oil industry in this state;  
 1-55 (C) identifying and obtaining grants and gifts to  
 1-56 promote and expand the olive and olive oil industry in this state;  
 1-57 and  
 1-58 (D) developing a long-term vision and marketable  
 1-59 identity for the olive and olive oil industry in this state that  
 1-60 take into consideration future industry development, funding,  
 1-61 research, educational programming, risk management, and marketing;

2-1 and  
2-2 (2) review and provide guidance on rules impacting the  
2-3 olive and olive oil industry in this state.

2-4 Sec. 50D.004. MEETINGS. The board shall meet twice each  
2-5 year and may meet at other times considered necessary by the  
2-6 commissioner.

2-7 Sec. 50D.005. STAFF. The board is administratively  
2-8 attached to the department. The department shall provide the board  
2-9 with the staff necessary to carry out the board's duties under this  
2-10 chapter.

2-11 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
2-12 of this Act, the commissioner of agriculture shall appoint the  
2-13 members of the Texas Olive Oil Industry Advisory Board as provided  
2-14 by Chapter 50D, Agriculture Code, as added by this Act.

2-15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-19 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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