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A BILL to amend and reenact § 3.1-290 of the Code of Virginia, relating to membership of the State Seed Potato Board.

Patrons—Bloxom; Senator: Norment

Referred to Committee on Agriculture

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 3.1-290 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3.1-290. State Seed Potato Commission continued as State Seed Potato Board.

The State Seed Potato Commission within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is continued and shall hereafter be known as the State Seed Potato Board. The State Seed Potato Board shall consist of seven members from the principal potato-growing areas, ~~five of whom~~ *who* shall be actively engaged in potato production and ~~two of whom shall be actively engaged as potato dealers~~. The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the General Assembly, and serve for four-year terms each and until their successors are appointed and take office. Such appointments may be made from recommendations submitted by the producer and dealer organizations in the principal potato-growing areas. Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

The Board shall elect its own chairman and meet at least once each year, prior to the beginning of the seed-potato-buying season, and at such other times during the year as it may deem necessary. At such meetings it shall be the duty of the Board to make such amendments as are necessary in the seed potato standards adopted by the Board pursuant to this chapter, and to the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant hereto for enforcing such standards. The chairman of the Board shall have the authority to request the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Dean of the College of Agriculture, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the chairman of the State Certified Seed Board, and the Director of the Virginia Truck and Ornamentals Research Station to appoint appropriate representatives as advisers to the State Seed Potato Board.

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