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HOUSE BILL NO. 38

House Amendments in [] — January 23, 1996

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 3.1-1075 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Sheep Industry Board.*

Patron—Deeds

Referred to Committee on Agriculture

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 3.1-1075 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 3.1-1075. Board membership; quorum.

A. The Board shall consist of [~~fourteen~~ *twelve*] members representing the sheep industry and industry support services. The Governor shall appoint three individuals from nominations submitted by the Virginia Sheep ~~Federation~~ *Producers Association* or other Virginia farm organizations representing sheep producers. Of the three members [~~nominated~~ *appointed*] by the Governor, one shall represent the packing/processing/retailing segment of the industry, one shall represent the Virginia Livestock Markets Association, and one shall represent the purebred segment of the industry. ~~One member~~ *Nine Members* shall be ~~elected by each the presidents~~ of the nine wool pool organizations which represent the following areas: Augusta, Christiansburg/New River Valley, Southside Virginia, Rockingham, Clarke, Orange, Wythe/Bland, Highland, Russell/Tazewell/Scott. Terms of membership shall be for three years. Vacancies in appointed memberships may be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. [~~Vacancies in elected memberships may be filled by an election in the organization that elected the vacant member.~~] No [*appointed*] member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

[*In addition*, the] extension sheep specialist from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services or his designee shall serve as nonvoting members.

B. Board members not representing agencies of the Commonwealth shall be reimbursed from the Fund for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the Board.

C. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

D. The Board shall elect from its membership a chairman, a vice chairman and such other officers as it deems appropriate.

2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.

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