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HOUSE BILL NO. 1399

Offered January 17, 2024

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 3.2-1801 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Potato Board; membership.*

Patron—Bloxom

Referred to Committee on General Laws

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 3.2-1801 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 3.2-1801. Potato Board; composition and appointment of members.

The Potato Board, established by the passage of a 1994 referendum held pursuant to Chapter 126 of the Acts of Assembly of 1982, is continued within the Department. The Potato Board shall be composed of ~~seven~~ *five* members appointed by the Governor from nominations by grower organizations, to terms of four years. The appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. All members of the Potato Board shall be producers of potatoes. Each grower organization shall submit nominations for each available position before the expiration of the member's term for which the nomination is being provided. If said organizations fail to provide nominations, the Governor may appoint other nominees that meet the criteria provided by this section.

2. That the terms of persons serving as members of the Potato Board prior to the effective date of this act shall expire on the effective date of this act.

3. That the initial appointments of members of the Potato Board shall be staggered as follows: one member shall be appointed for a term to expire June 30, 2025; one member shall be appointed for a term to expire June 30, 2026; one member shall be appointed for a term to expire June 30, 2027; and two members shall be appointed for a term to expire June 30, 2028. After the initial appointments of members of the Potato Board pursuant to this enactment, appointments shall be for terms of four years beginning on July 1 of the year of the appointment.

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