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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNOR TO CONSIDER THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRODUCTION OF RELEVANT COMMODITIES WHEN APPOINTING MEMBERS TO AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND PROMOTION BOARDS.

### Subtitle

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

WHEREAS, the Governor appoints members of the various agricultural research and promotion boards in the state; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the geographic areas of the state in which the agricultural commodities relevant to each agricultural research and promotion board are produced have the most interest and stake in the activities of these research and promotion boards; and

WHEREAS, the current law does not require that any consideration be given to the geographic distribution of the production of the relevant agricultural



commodities in appointing members to agricultural research and promotion boards,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives encourages the Governor, in consultation with the Secretary of the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to consider the geographic distribution of the production of the relevant agricultural commodities when making appointments to agricultural research and promotion boards, including without limitation the Arkansas Beef Council, the Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board, the Arkansas Corn and Grain Sorghum Promotion Board, the Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board, the Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board, and the Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the House of Representatives encourages the Governor, to the extent practical, to appoint members of agricultural research and promotion boards in a manner that provides corresponding geographic representation on these research and promotion boards for the areas of the state in which the relevant agricultural commodities are produced.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the House of Representatives encourages the Governor to request additional nominations from the nominating organizations named in the law governing the respective agricultural research and promotion boards and to consider the additional nominations in an effort to provide geographic representation on the respective boards that is consistent with the geographic distribution of production of the respective commodities if the Governor determines that the nominations submitted by the nominating organizations named in the law, when considered along with the representation provided by the standing membership of the boards, do not provide sufficient geographic representation for a particular agricultural commodity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the chief clerk of the House of Representatives distribute a copy of this resolution to the following:

- (1) The Governor;
- (2) The Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board;
- (3) The Arkansas Rice Research and Promotion Board;
- (4) The Arkansas Wheat Promotion Board;
- (5) The Arkansas Corn and Grain Sorghum Promotion Board;
- (6) The Arkansas Catfish Promotion Board;
- (7) The Arkansas Beef Council;
- (8) The president of Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation;
- (9) The president of Riceland Foods, Inc.;
- (10) The president of the Arkansas Soybean Association;
- (11) The president of the Agriculture Council of Arkansas;
- (12) The president of Producers Rice Mill, Inc.;
- (13) The president of the Arkansas Rice Council;
- (14) The president of the Arkansas Wheat Growers Association;
- (15) The president of Catfish Farmers of Arkansas, Inc.; and
- (16) The president of the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association.