



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 412

February Session, 2006

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22-26e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) There is hereby established a Governor's Council for Agricultural
4 Development for advisory purposes only, consisting of not more than
5 [thirty] fifteen members. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall be
6 chairman of said council. The Governor shall appoint [twelve] not
7 more than eight council members from a list provided by the
8 Commissioner of Agriculture of persons representative of agricultural
9 activities in the state, including agricultural production, processing,
10 marketing, sales, education, farmland preservation and trade
11 associations. The speaker of the House of Representatives, the
12 president pro tempore of the Senate and the majority leader and
13 minority leader of each house of the General Assembly shall [each]
14 appoint [two council members] one council member.

15 (b) The council shall provide advice to the Department of
16 Agriculture concerning the development, diversification and
17 promotion of agricultural products, programs and enterprises in this
18 state and shall provide for an interchange of ideas from the various
19 commodity groups and organizations represented.

20 (c) The council shall meet at least [once each calendar quarter]
21 biannually. Any vacancy in the membership may be filled by the
22 [Governor] appointing authority. The members shall serve without
23 compensation or reimbursement for expenses. [Any member absent
24 from more than two meetings in a year shall be deemed to have
25 resigned.]

26 (d) The term of each member serving on the effective date of this
27 section shall expire and the appointing authority shall appoint new
28 members, effective July 1, 2006.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-26e

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