

1 AN ACT concerning agriculture.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Soybean Marketing Act is amended by changing  
5 Sections 12 and 13 as follows:

6 (505 ILCS 130/12) (from Ch. 5, par. 562)

7 Sec. 12.

8 Any marketing program established under this Act shall  
9 provide for a program operating board consisting of at least 24  
10 ~~18~~ members who are charged with the administration of the  
11 program.

12 The board shall consist of one member elected from each of  
13 the districts as established in the marketing program and 6 at  
14 large members without respect to residence district. The 6 at  
15 large members shall be nominated by a majority of the board  
16 sitting in quorum and thereafter elected by a majority of  
17 producers in attendance at the annual meeting.

18 The program operating board shall elect from its members a  
19 chairman, treasurer and such other positions as may be provided  
20 for in the marketing program. The term of office for members of  
21 the program operating board elected from districts shall be for  
22 3 years, except that the term of the members of the board first  
23 taking office shall be for one, 2, or 3 years as determined by  
24 lot. The marketing program shall establish the number of  
25 members elected from districts for each term of office at the  
26 first board and shall provide the procedure for the election of  
27 members in subsequent years. The term of the at large members  
28 of the board shall be for 3 years, except that the term of the  
29 at large members first taking office shall be for one, 2, or 3  
30 years as determined by lot.

31 All voting members of the program operating board are  
32 entitled to actual and necessary travel and incidental expenses

1 while attending meetings of the board or while engaged in the  
2 performance of official responsibilities as determined by the  
3 board and provided for in the marketing program.

4 (Source: P.A. 78-739.)

5 (505 ILCS 130/13) (from Ch. 5, par. 563)

6 Sec. 13. For the initial board any soybean producer may  
7 become a candidate from a district and have his name placed on  
8 the ballot if he files a petition with the Director containing  
9 the signatures of 150 or 3%, whichever is less, of those  
10 producers in his district qualified to vote on the referendum.  
11 All district director candidates shall be resident producers of  
12 the district for which they are nominated. Notice of the  
13 initial election of district directors ~~members~~ of the board  
14 shall be given in trade publications and public press at least  
15 2 weeks prior to such election. Vacancies on the program  
16 operating board during the term of office shall be filled by  
17 the program operating board until the next regular election. In  
18 subsequent years a special election shall be held to fill any  
19 expiring term on the board. Nominations of district directors  
20 shall be in the same fashion as original board members. The  
21 nominating procedure for district directors shall be as  
22 provided in this Section unless otherwise provided for in the  
23 marketing program. Candidates receiving the greatest number of  
24 votes at any special election shall be elected.

25 (Source: P.A. 84-334.)