

AN ACT concerning agriculture.

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

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

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

Sec. 12.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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