

247.090 State fair board -- Membership -- Vacancies.

- (1) The State Fair Board shall be composed of seventeen (17) members, as follows:
 - (a) The Governor or his or her designee;
 - (b) The Commissioner of Agriculture or his or her designee;
 - (c) The dean of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment or his or her designee;
 - (d) Five (5) members appointed by the Governor from the state at large with due consideration to geographical distribution throughout the state;
 - (e) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from the state at large who is involved with, or experienced in, agribusiness;
 - (f) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from a list of six (6) nominees that are representative of all segments of animal agriculture provided by trade organizations and commodity groups that may include but not be limited to the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, Kentucky Dairy Development Council, Kentucky Livestock Improvement Association, Kentucky Pork Producers Association, Kentucky Poultry Federation, and Kentucky Sheep and Goat Development Office;
 - (g) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from a list of six (6) nominees that are representative of all segments of crop or plant production provided by trade organizations or commodity groups that may include but not be limited to Kentucky Corn Growers Association, Kentucky Grape and Wine Council, Kentucky Horticulture Council, Kentucky Small Grain Growers Association, and Kentucky Soybean Association;
 - (h) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from a list of six (6) nominees submitted by the governing body of the American Saddlebred Horse Association;
 - (i) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from a list of six (6) nominees provided by the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation;
 - (j) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from a list of six (6) nominees provided by the Kentucky Association of Fairs and Horse Shows;
 - (k) One (1) member appointed by the Governor from a list of six (6) nominees provided by the Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau representing the hospitality and tourism industry;
 - (l) The state president of the Kentucky FFA Association, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member for the duration of his or her term as student leader of the association; and
 - (m) The state president of the Kentucky 4-H Organization, who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member for the duration of his or her term as student leader of the organization.
- (2) The terms of the members of the board appointed by the Governor shall be staggered terms. Members of the board shall be appointed to a term of four (4) years and shall serve until their successors are duly appointed and qualified.

Members of the board shall be appointed to no more than three (3) terms that began on or after April 27, 2016. Terms that began prior to April 27, 2016, shall not count toward the term limits established by this subsection. As the terms of each group of members expire, the Governor shall appoint successors for terms of four (4) years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. The initial appointments shall be for staggered terms, as follows:

- (a) Three (3) members shall be appointed for one (1) year;
- (b) Three (3) members shall be appointed for two (2) years;
- (c) Three (3) members shall be appointed for three (3) years; and
- (d) Three (3) members shall be appointed for four (4) years.

Initial members shall be appointed by the Governor within thirty (30) days of April 27, 2016. It is the intention of the General Assembly that the political affiliation of the appointed members shall be as evenly divided as possible between the two (2) political parties polling the largest number of votes in the state at general elections.

- (3) In case of a vacancy among the appointed members of the board, the unexpired term shall be filled pursuant to the requirements and procedures for original appointments.

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