

House Bill 33

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 12-2-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 composition of the Board of Natural Resources, so as to reconstitute such board to require
3 two of the at-large members to have certain qualifications; to provide for existing members;
4 to define certain terms; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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8 Code Section 12-2-21 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the composition
9 of the Board of Natural Resources, is amended by striking said Code section in its entirety
10 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 "12-2-21.

12 The Board of Natural Resources shall consist of one member from each congressional
13 district in this state; ~~one additional~~ and five members from the state at large. One at-large
14 member shall be from one of the following named counties: Chatham, Bryan, Liberty,
15 McIntosh, Glynn, or Camden; one at-large member shall be engaged within this state in the
16 business of producing or causing to be produced for market any agricultural commodity;
17 one at-large member shall be engaged as a distributor, handler, processor, or retailer as
18 defined in paragraph (4), (5), (8), or (11) of Code Section 2-8-11 or paragraph (3), (4), (8),
19 or (11) of Code Section 2-8-51; and ~~four~~ two members shall be from the state at large. The
20 members shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. ~~Except as~~
21 ~~otherwise specifically provided in this Code section, members~~ Members shall be appointed
22 for a term of seven years ~~from the expiration of the previous term.~~ The ~~four~~ current
23 members from the state at large shall ~~be appointed initially for terms of one, three, five, and~~
24 ~~seven years, respectively, to be designated by the Governor; all succeeding appointments~~
25 ~~of at-large members shall be for a term of seven years~~ remain on the board; however, as the

1 first two terms expire for the at-large members, their successors shall be appointed with the
2 producer, distributor, handler, processor, or retailer qualifications stated in this Code
3 section. In as far as it is practical, the members of the Board of Natural Resources shall be
4 representative of all areas and functions encompassed within the Department of Natural
5 Resources. All members of the Board of Natural Resources shall hold office until their
6 successors are appointed and qualified. Vacancies in office shall be filled by appointment
7 by the Governor and submitted to the Senate for confirmation at the next session of the
8 General Assembly after the making of the appointment. Any member so appointed shall
9 serve until the expiration of the vacated term. No more than two members shall come from
10 the same congressional district."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2001.

13 **SECTION 3.**

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.