

House Bill 545

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to agricultural commodity commissions generally, so as to provide for an  
3 Agricultural Commodity Commission for Citrus Fruits; to provide for a definition; to provide  
4 for balloting for continued existence of said commission; to provide for related matters; to  
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 agricultural commodity commissions generally, is amended in Code Section 2-8-11, relating  
10 to definitions, by revising paragraph (9) as follows:

11 "(9) 'Producer' means any person engaged within this state in the business of producing  
12 or causing to be produced for market any agricultural commodity as defined in this Code  
13 section. In the case of the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Wine and Grapes,  
14 such term means a farm winery as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 3-6-21.1.  
15 In the case of the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Citrus Fruits, such term  
16 means a producer that owns or operates at least five acres of citrus fruit bearing trees."

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17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said article is further amended in Code Section 2-8-13, relating to ratification of previously  
19 established commissions and establishment of additional commissions, contributions deemed  
20 voluntary, and balloting to determine continued existence, by adding new paragraphs to  
21 subsection (a) and subsection (c) to read as follows:

22 "(7) There shall be an Agricultural Commodity Commission for Citrus Fruits established  
23 on July 1, 2023."

24 "(7) Prior to December 31, 2026, and each three years thereafter, balloting shall be  
25 conducted in accordance with Code Section 2-8-23 to determine whether any existing  
26 commission listed in paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall continue  
27 to exist and operate under this article."

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.