

2-3602. Membership of council; terms; vacancies; ex officio members; meetings. (a) There is hereby created the Kansas agricultural seed council.

(b) The council shall consist of seven members who will be elected at the annual meeting of the Kansas seed industry association. The board of directors of the Kansas seed industry association shall act as interim council members until council members can be elected and qualified. Vacancies which may occur shall be filled for unexpired terms by the board of directors of the Kansas seed industry association from among the seedsmen or representatives of seed product development, distribution and production of the state. Each council member appointed on and after the effective date of this act, other than a council member appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term, shall be elected for a term of four years except that three of the council members first elected on and after the effective date of this act shall be elected for a term of two years. No member may serve more than two consecutive terms. Upon the expiration of a term of a member of the council, such member shall continue to serve as a member of the council until a successor to such member is elected and qualified.

(c) Members of the council shall be residents of this state and currently be active seedsmen. Members of the council shall include representatives of seed product development, distribution and production. At least three members shall be elected from the list of wholesalers registered with the Kansas department of agriculture and the remaining members shall be active seedsmen or representatives of seed product development, distribution and production elected at large. The elections will be held at an open session to all seedsmen and representatives of seed product development, distribution and production at the annual meeting of the Kansas seed industry association.

(d) The director of the agricultural experiment stations of Kansas state university of agriculture and applied science or the director's representative and the director of the agricultural products development division of the department of commerce or the director's representative shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members of the council.

(e) The council shall elect annually a chairperson from its membership.

(f) A member of the council may cease to hold such member's position on the council for any of the following reasons, at the discretion of a majority of the council, upon resolution duly adopted by the council dismissing such member: (1) Failure to attend two or more regular meetings of the council, if unexcused; or (2) ceasing to be an active seedsmen.

(g) Members of the Kansas agricultural seed council attending meetings of such council, or attending a subcommittee meeting authorized by such council, may be paid compensation and other expenses.

(h) The council shall meet at least once every calendar quarter regularly and hold an annual meeting which shall be open to the public. The day, time and place of each meeting shall be determined by the council. The chairperson or any three members of the council may call special meetings of the council upon such notice as may be prescribed by the duly adopted procedures of the council.

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