

## CHAPTER 699

## H.B. No. 1652

## AN ACT

relating to the membership of the Texas Animal Health Commission.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 161.021(a), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The commission is composed of twelve commissioners appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, with the appropriate number from each of the following categories:

- (1) a practitioner of veterinary medicine;
- (2) a dairyman;
- (3) a cattle raiser;
- (4) a hog raiser;
- (5) a sheep or goat raiser;
- (6) a poultry raiser;
- (7) an individual involved in the equine industry;
- (8) an individual involved in the feedlot industry;
- (9) an individual involved in the livestock marketing industry; ~~[and]~~
- (10) *two* ~~[three]~~ members of the general public; *and*
- (11) *an individual involved in the exotic livestock or exotic fowl industry.*

SECTION 2. Section 161.022, Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 161.022. TERM. Commissioners serve for staggered terms of six years, with the terms of *four* ~~[three]~~ members expiring every other year.

**SECTION 3.** The governor shall appoint an individual involved in the exotic livestock or exotic fowl industry to the first vacancy occurring after the effective date of this Act in a general public position on the Texas Animal Health Commission.

**SECTION 4.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 19, 1993: Yeas 133, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1652 on May 24, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 16, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.