

CHAPTER 147

H.B. No. 345

AN ACT

relating to the authority of an agricultural marketing association to deal in nonmember products and supplies.

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

SECTION 1. Section 52.012(c), Agriculture Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A marketing association that is organized primarily for the production, cultivation, and care of citrus groves *or* [and] for the processing and marketing of citrus products and for which the principal offices are located in a county in which not less than 500 acres of land are planted in producing citrus groves may deal in the products and supplies of nonmembers to an amount that is greater than the value of the products that it handles for its members for the *10-year* [~~five-year~~] period immediately following a natural disaster, such as a severe freeze, during which the citrus crops of the association's membership are substantially reduced as a direct result of the disaster.

SECTION 2. 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 March 25, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 6, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 15, 1993.

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