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BY THE SPECIAL  
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 893

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska Agricultural Products  
7 Quality and Marketing Board; and providing for an  
8 effective date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 \* Section 1. AS 03 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

11 CHAPTER 18. ALASKA AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

12 QUALITY AND MARKETING BOARD.

13 Sec. 03.18.010. ALASKA AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS QUALITY AND MARKETING  
14 BOARD. (a) There is established in the Department of Natural Resources  
15 the Alaska Agricultural Products Quality and Marketing Board consisting  
16 of 10 members appointed by the governor. Members of the board shall be  
17 residents of the state. Five of the members shall be processors of  
18 agricultural products or designated representatives of a corporation,  
19 partnership, or other business entity which performs the function of  
20 processing agricultural products in the state. The other five members  
21 shall be farmers who have actively engaged in farming in the state  
22 during at least one of the three years preceding appointment. The  
23 commissioner of natural resources shall be a nonvoting, ex officio  
24 member of the board.

25 (b) Members of the board serve terms of four years. Initial  
26 appointments of members are three members for one year, three members  
27 for two years, two members for three years, and two members for four  
28 years.

29 (c) Six appointed members constitute a quorum.

1 (d) The board shall elect a chairman annually and shall hold at  
2 least one regular meeting a year. The board shall meet at the call of  
3 the chairman or upon the written request of four appointed members.

4 (e) Members of the board receive no salary, but are entitled to  
5 per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for boards and commis-  
6 sions.

7 Sec. 03.18.020. MEETINGS PUBLIC. Meetings of the board are open  
8 and public.

9 Sec. 03.18.030. DUTIES. The board shall

10 (1) conduct programs of education, research, advertising, or  
11 sales promotion designed to accomplish the purposes of this chapter;

12 (2) contract with persons to promote the sale of agricultural  
13 products;

14 (3) cooperate with any other local, state or national board,  
15 organization or agency engaged in work or activities similar to the work  
16 and activities of the board and contract with those organizations or  
17 agencies for carrying on joint programs of consumer education, sales  
18 promotion, quality promotion, advertising, and research in the product-  
19 ion, processing, or distribution of agricultural products;

20 (4) conduct or contract for scientific research to develop  
21 and discover the health, dietetic, or other uses of agricultural prod-  
22 ucts;

23 (5) annually prepare a budget for the board;

24 (6) employ an executive director and other employees it  
25 considers necessary and prescribe their duties and fix their compensa-  
26 tion;

27 (7) establish offices and incur expenses incidental to their  
28 establishment;

29 (8) present facts to, and negotiate with local, state, or

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federal governmental agencies on matters affecting quality production, processing, or distribution of agricultural products.

Sec. 03.18.040. ANNUAL REPORTS. The board shall prepare an annual report suggesting methods to promote high quality and markets for agricultural products. The report shall be submitted to the legislature on February 15 of each year.

Sec. 03.18.050. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter

(1) "agricultural products" means plants and animals useful to man which are produced in the state for human food and does not include aquatic plants and animals;

(2) "board" means the Alaska Agricultural Products Quality and Marketing Board.

\* Sec. 2. The first report required under AS 03.18.040 enacted in sec. 1 of this Act shall be submitted to the Second Session of the Twelfth Legislature.

\* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 1981.