

# House Study Bill 669

## Conference Committee Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section [175.3](#), subsection 7, Code 1995, is  
1 2 amended to read as follows:  
1 3 7. The appointed members shall elect a chairperson and  
1 4 vice chairperson annually, and other officers as they  
1 5 determine, but the executive director shall serve as secretary  
1 6 to the authority. The chairperson and vice chairperson shall  
1 7 serve on the selection and tenure committee as provided in  
1 8 section 175.7.  
1 9 Sec. 2. Section [175.7](#), subsection 1, Code 1995, is amended  
1 10 to read as follows:  
1 11 1. The

~~secretary of agriculture shall appoint an~~  
~~executive~~  
1 12 director of the authority

~~, who~~  
~~shall be appointed by a~~  
1 13 selection and tenure committee which shall consist of the  
1 14 secretary of agriculture, and the chairperson and vice  
1 15 chairperson of the board established pursuant to section  
1 16 175.3, or their designees. The executive director shall serve  
1 17 at the pleasure of the

~~secretary~~  
~~committee. The votes of~~  
1 18 three members of the committee are necessary for any  
1 19 substantive action taken by the committee, except that two  
1 20 members may take a substantive action, if the secretary has a  
1 21 conflict of interest. If a member other than the secretary  
1 22 has a conflict of interest, the board shall appoint a  
1 23 substitute member of the committee from the appointed members  
1 24 of the board for the duration of the conflict of interest.  
1 25 The executive director shall be selected primarily for  
1 26 administrative ability and knowledge in the field, without  
1 27 regard to political affiliation.  
1 28 1A. The executive director shall not, directly or  
1 29 indirectly, exert influence to induce any other officers or  
1 30 employees of the state to adopt a political view, or to favor  
1 31 a political candidate for office.

### EXPLANATION

1 33 Section 175.7, provides that the executive director of  
1 34 agricultural development authority is appointed by the  
1 35 secretary of agriculture and serves at the pleasure of the  
2 1 secretary. This bill provides that the executive director  
2 2 shall be appointed by a selection and tenure committee which  
2 3 consists of the secretary of agriculture, and the chairperson  
2 4 and vice chairperson of the board established to administer  
2 5 the authority, or their designees. The bill provides that the  
2 6 executive director serves at the pleasure of the committee.  
2 7 The bill requires that a vote of all three members is  
2 8 necessary for a substantive action to be taken by the  
2 9 committee. The bill provides for committee action if a  
2 10 committee member has a conflict of interest.

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