

# Senate File 393

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BY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1173)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the agricultural development authority by  
2 providing for its organization and administration.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 7E.7, subsection 2, Code 2003, is  
1 2 amended to read as follows:  
1 3 2. The agricultural development authority as established  
1 4 in section 175.3 shall be considered part of the department of  
1 5 agriculture and land stewardship. ~~The department of~~  
1 6 ~~agriculture and land stewardship office of treasurer of state.~~  
1 7 ~~The office~~ may provide staff assistance and administrative  
1 8 support to the authority.  
1 9 Sec. 2. Section 175.3, subsection 1, Code 2003, is amended  
1 10 to read as follows:  
1 11 1. a. The agricultural development authority is  
1 12 established within the ~~department of agriculture and land~~  
1 13 ~~stewardship office of treasurer of state~~. The authority is  
1 14 constituted as a public instrumentality and agency of the  
1 15 state exercising public and essential governmental functions.  
1 16 b. The authority is established to undertake programs  
1 17 which assist beginning farmers in purchasing agricultural land  
1 18 and agricultural improvements and depreciable agricultural  
1 19 property for the purpose of farming, and programs which  
1 20 provide financing to farmers for permanent soil and water  
1 21 conservation practices on agricultural land within the state  
1 22 or for the acquisition of conservation farm equipment, and  
1 23 programs to assist farmers within the state in financing  
1 24 operating expenses and cash flow requirements of farming. The  
1 25 authority shall also develop programs to assist qualified  
1 26 agricultural producers within the state with financing other  
1 27 capital requirements or operating expenses.  
1 28 c. The powers of the authority are vested in and exercised  
1 29 by a board of ~~eleven ten~~ members with nine members appointed  
1 30 by the governor subject to confirmation by the senate. The  
1 31 treasurer of state or the treasurer's designee ~~and the~~  
1 32 ~~secretary of agriculture or the secretary's designee~~ shall  
1 33 serve as an ex officio nonvoting ~~members~~ member. No more than  
1 34 five appointed members shall belong to the same political  
1 35 party. As far as possible the governor shall include within  
2 1 the membership persons who represent financial institutions  
2 2 experienced in agricultural lending, the real estate sales  
2 3 industry, farmers, beginning farmers, average taxpayers, local  
2 4 government, soil and water conservation district officials,  
2 5 agricultural educators, and other persons specially interested  
2 6 in family farm development.  
2 7 Sec. 3. Section 175.7, subsection 1, Code 2003, is amended  
2 8 to read as follows:  
2 9 1. The executive director of the authority shall be  
2 10 appointed by a selection and tenure committee, which shall  
2 11 consist of the ~~secretary of agriculture and the~~ chairperson  
2 12 ~~and of the board~~, the vice chairperson of the board,  
2 13 ~~established pursuant to section 175.3~~ and one member elected  
2 14 by the board, or their designees. The executive director  
2 15 shall serve at the pleasure of the ~~committee~~ board. The votes  
2 16 of three members of the committee are necessary for any  
2 17 substantive action taken by the committee, ~~except that two~~  
2 18 ~~members may take a substantive action, if the secretary has a~~  
2 19 ~~conflict of interest~~. If a member ~~other than the secretary~~  
2 20 has a conflict of interest, the board shall appoint a  
2 21 substitute member of the committee from the appointed members  
2 22 of the board for the duration of the conflict of interest.

2 23 The executive director shall be selected primarily for  
2 24 administrative ability and knowledge in the field, without  
2 25 regard to political affiliation.  
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