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SPONSOR(S) LoBiondo and others

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[FIRST REPRINT]
ASSEMBLY, No. 2151

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 21, 1992

By Assemblymen LoBIONDO, ROBERTS and Gibson

1 AN ACT ¹[reconstituting the list of organizations entitled to be
2 represented at the annual State Agricultural Convention and]
3 concerning the structure and function of the Department of
4 Agriculture,¹ amending R.S.4:1-6 ¹, and supplementing Title 4
5 of the Revised Statutes¹.

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7 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*
8 *State of New Jersey:*

9 1. R.S.4:1-6 is amended to read as follows:

10 4:1-6. Each county board of agriculture shall be entitled to be
11 represented in the annual convention by two delegates.

12 Each of the following organizations shall be entitled to be
13 represented in the annual convention by one delegate: American
14 Cranberry Growers' Association, Board of Managers of the New
15 Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, Cook College of Rutgers,
16 The State University, The Cooperative Marketing Associations in
17 New Jersey, Inc., Cultivated Sod Association of New Jersey, Inc.,
18 Garden State Dairy Goat Association, Inc., Garden State Milk
19 Council, Garden State Service Cooperative Association, Inc.,
20 Horse Park of New Jersey at Store Tavern Inc., Morgan Horse
21 Association of New Jersey, New Jersey Angus Association, Inc.,
22 New Jersey Agricultural Society, Inc., New Jersey Apple
23 Institute, Inc., New Jersey Association of Agricultural Fairs,
24 [New Jersey Association of Nurserymen, Inc.,] New Jersey
25 Beekeepers' Association, Inc., New Jersey Christmas Tree
26 Growers' Association, [New Jersey Crop Improvement
27 Cooperative Association, Inc.,] New Jersey Commercial
28 Fisherman's Association, New Jersey Farmers Direct Marketing
29 Association, Inc., New Jersey Farm Bureau, Inc., New Jersey FFA
30 Alumni Association, Grain and Forage Producers' Association of
31 New Jersey, Inc., New Jersey Guernsey Breeders' Association,
32 Inc., New Jersey Hereford Association, New Jersey
33 Holstein-Friesian Association, Inc., New Jersey Horse Council,
34 New Jersey Livestock Cooperative Association, Inc., New Jersey
35 Nursery and Landscape Association, New Jersey Nursery and
36 Landscape Association -- Metropolitan Chapter, ¹New Jersey
37 Peach Council,¹ New Jersey Peach Promotion Council, Inc., New
38 Jersey Plant and Flower Growers Association, Inc., New Jersey
39 Pony Breeders and Owners, Inc., New Jersey Quarter Horse
40 Association, New Jersey Sheep and Wool Cooperative
41 Association, Inc., New Jersey State Florists' Association, Inc.,
42 New Jersey State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, Inc., New Jersey

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate floor amendments adopted May 13, 1993.

1 State Horticultural Society, Inc., New Jersey State Potato
2 Association, Inc., New Jersey State Poultry Association, Inc.,
3 New Jersey State Sweet Potato Industry Association, Inc., New
4 Jersey Turkey Association, New Jersey Veterinary Medical
5 Association, New Jersey Vocational Agriculture Teachers
6 Association, [North Jersey Metropolitan Association of
7 Nurserymen, Inc.,] each Pomona Grange, Patrons of Husbandry,
8 Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey,
9 Inc., Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New Jersey, Tru-Blu
10 Cooperative Association, Inc., South Jersey Flower Growers
11 Association, Inc., and the Vegetable Growers Association of New
12 Jersey, Inc. [, and the E.B. Voorhees Agricultural Society.]

13 Prior to the time fixed for the holding of the annual convention
14 each of the organizations named in this section shall choose from
15 its members the authorized number of delegates and certify to
16 the convention their qualifications as such. The credentials shall
17 be filed with the proper convention officer or committee, and
18 upon the acceptance thereof by the convention such persons shall
19 have all the rights and powers of delegates.

20 (cf: P.L.1986, c.67, s.1)

21 ¹2. (New section) The department may, within the limits of
22 monies appropriated for such purposes, make grants, awards,
23 loans, distributions and incentives to any person, including any
24 political subdivision of the State, to promote, advance, foster,
25 preserve and maintain agriculture in this State, on such terms and
26 subject to such reasonable conditions and restrictions as shall be
27 in the best interest of the State.¹

28 ¹3. (New section) The board may adopt, pursuant to the
29 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
30 seq.) such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out
31 the provisions of this Title.¹

32 ¹[2.] ¹4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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Alters structure and function of the Department of Agriculture.

1 Industry Association, Inc., New Jersey Turkey Association, New
2 Jersey Veterinary Medical Association, New Jersey Vocational
3 Agriculture Teachers Association, [North Jersey Metropolitan
4 Association of Nurserymen, Inc.,] each Pomona Grange, Patrons
5 of Husbandry, Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of
6 New Jersey, Inc., Thoroughbred Breeders' Association of New
7 Jersey, Tru-Blu Cooperative Association, Inc., South Jersey
8 Flower Growers Association, Inc., and the Vegetable Growers
9 Association of New Jersey, Inc. [, and the E.B. Voorhees
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22 STATEMENT

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25 organizations represented at the annual State Agricultural
26 Convention provided for pursuant to R.S.4:1-6, by adding the
27 Grain and Forage Producers' Association of New Jersey, the New
28 Jersey Farmers Direct Marketing Association, Inc., the New
29 Jersey FFA Alumni Association, the New Jersey Nursery and
30 Landscape Association, the New Jersey Nursery and Landscape
31 Association -- Metropolitan Chapter, the New Jersey Veterinary
32 Medical Association, the South Jersey Flower Growers
33 Association, Inc., the New Jersey Quarter Horse Association, the
34 Morgan Horse Association of New Jersey, the Horse Park of New
35 Jersey at Stone Tavern Inc., and the New Jersey Commercial
36 Fisherman's Association to that list. The bill would also delete
37 archaic references to organizations entitled to representation
38 which are no longer operational, or in the case of the New Jersey
39 Nursery and Landscape Association, have changed their
40 organization name.

41 The delegates to the convention represent New Jersey's
42 agricultural organizations, and their duties, as prescribed
43 pursuant to the provisions of R.S.4:1-5, include examining the
44 issues that confront agriculture in this State, and to recommend
45 actions to address those issues. Through resolutions and other
46 means, the delegates to the annual convention recommend to the
47 Department of Agriculture and other departments of the
48 executive branch of the State government, programs to promote
49 and protect the continued economic, social and environmental
50 benefits of agriculture.

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55 Alters delegation to annual State Agricultural Convention.

ASSEMBLY ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2151

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 11, 1993

The Assembly Economic and Community Development, Agriculture and Tourism Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2151.

As reported, this bill would revise and modernize the delegation of organizations represented at the annual State Agricultural Convention provided for pursuant to R.S.4:1-6, by adding the Grain and Forage Producers' Association of New Jersey, the New Jersey Farmers Direct Marketing Association, Inc., the New Jersey FFA Alumni Association, the New Jersey Nursery and Landscape Association, the New Jersey Nursery and Landscape Association -- Metropolitan Chapter, the New Jersey Veterinary Medical Association, the South Jersey Flower Growers Association, Inc., the New Jersey Quarter Horse Association, the Morgan Horse Association of New Jersey, the Horse Park of New Jersey at Stone Tavern Inc., and the New Jersey Commercial Fisherman's Association to that list. The bill would also delete archaic references to organizations entitled to representation which are no longer operational, or in the case of the New Jersey Nursery and Landscape Association, have changed their organization name.

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GOVERNOR FLORIO SIGNS LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY

TRENTON - A new partnership between New Jersey's agricultural industry and state government was established today under legislation signed by Gov. Jim Florio that provides the farming community with more opportunities for economic growth.

"We're making a strong, tangible commitment to the economic future of New Jersey's agricultural industry," Gov. Florio said. "We're plowing new ground for a private-public partnership of economic development. A partnership for our farmers' future and for the quality of life we want our children to inherit."

The Governor signed legislation, A-2151/S-1228, that provides the Department of Agriculture with the authority to administer a new grant program to assist farmers with increasing production costs. The \$6 million production efficiency grant program also will provide farmers with marketing and technical assistance to allow them to compete more effectively in a price-sensitive market.

"The Garden State will remain the Garden State as long as we stand by our farmers and give them the support they need," Gov. Florio said yesterday as he toured the Trenton Farmers' Market. "Agriculture is central to the state's economy, providing jobs to thousands of citizens and filling our markets with first-rate produce at reasonable prices. It must always remain strong."

The new "FARM Assist" grant program will help farmers take advantage of business development opportunities and obtain the latest in agricultural technology. The grants can be used for: investments in new machinery, farm buildings and equipment; improving farmer managements practices; soil and water conservation; and cost-saving energy technology.

"These grants will meet some of the immediate needs of our farmers, as well as lay the groundwork for the long-term viability of the farming industry," Gov. Florio said.

New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Art Brown said the new program has a dual purpose. "On one hand, it's designed to help farmers reduce costs related to production expenses. But it's also aimed at helping farmers better compete through more aggressive marketing and management programs," Secretary Brown said.

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