

Senate Bill No. 516

An act relating to the Department of Citrus; amending s. 601.09, F.S.; revising and reorganizing the citrus districts of the state; establishing four such districts; specifying the counties within each district; amending ss. 601.04 and 601.154, F.S., relating to the membership of the Florida Citrus Commission and the Citrus Stabilization Act of Florida; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 601.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

(Substantial rewording of section. See s. 601.09, F.S., for present text.)

601.09 Citrus districts.—For purposes of this chapter, the state is divided into four districts composed of the following counties:

(1) Citrus District One: Levy, Alachua, Putnam, St. Johns, Flagler, Marion, Citrus, Sumter, Lake, Seminole, Orange, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, Polk, and Osceola Counties.

(2) Citrus District Two: Manatee, Hardee, DeSoto, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Collier, and Monroe Counties.

(3) Citrus District Three: Volusia, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties.

(4) Citrus District Four: Highlands, Okeechobee, Glades, and Hendry Counties.

Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and subsection (4) of section 601.04, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

601.04 Florida Citrus Commission; creation and membership.—

(1)

(c) There shall be three ~~four~~ members of the commission from each of the four ~~three~~ citrus districts. Each member must reside in the district from which she or he was appointed. For the purposes of this section, the residence of a member shall be the actual physical and permanent residence of the member.

(4) It is the intent of the Legislature that the commission be redistricted every 5 years. Redistricting shall be based on the total boxes produced from each of the four ~~three~~ districts during that 5-year period.

Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 601.154, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

601.154 Citrus Stabilization Act of Florida.—

(4)(a) Every marketing order issued pursuant to the provisions of this section shall provide for an advisory council to advise the Department of Citrus in the administration thereof. Two members of such advisory council shall be appointed by the commission chair, subject to commission concurrence, from each of the four ~~three~~ citrus districts as defined in s. 601.09 from producer nominees submitted by producers on or before the date of the hearing provided for in subsection (2). To qualify for appointment, such producer nominees shall meet the same qualifications as those for grower members of the commission set forth in s. 601.04(1).

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

Approved by the Governor April 14, 2005.

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