

1 (a) *Composition.* -- A farmland protection board shall be
2 composed of seven members, each serving without compensation.
3 Membership on the farmland protection board shall consist of the
4 following: One county commissioner; the executive director of the
5 county or regional development authority or, in the case of the
6 executive director of a regional development authority, his or her
7 designee; one farmer who is a county resident and a member of the
8 county farm bureau; one farmer who is a county resident and a
9 member of a conservation district; one farmer who is a county
10 resident; and two county residents who are not members of any of
11 the foregoing organizations. All members of the farmland
12 protection board ~~shall be~~ are voting members, except the county
13 commissioner who ~~shall serve~~ serves in an advisory capacity as a
14 nonvoting member. The executive director of a regional development
15 authority must serve on the farmland protection board of one of the
16 counties represented by the regional development authority, and a
17 designee may be appointed to serve on the farmland protection board
18 of the other counties represented by the regional development
19 authority.

20 (b) *Terms.* -- Each member of a farmland protection board shall
21 be appointed for a term of office of four years except the initial
22 appointment of two voting board members shall be for a term of two
23 years:

24 (1) No member may serve for more than two consecutive full

1 terms, except for the executive director of a county or regional
2 development authority or a designee of an executive director of a
3 regional development authority, who by right of his or her position
4 serves in perpetuity; and

5 (2) An appointment to fill a vacancy ~~shall be~~ is for the
6 remainder of the unexpired term.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow the executive director of a regional development authority, or their designee, to serve on a farmland protection board and to provide an exception to the length of terms of appointment to farmland protection boards for executive directors of county or regional development authorities.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.