

**74-562. State board of agriculture; creation; members, appointment, terms, vacancies.** (a) On the effective date of this act, there is hereby created within and as part of the Kansas department of agriculture a state board of agriculture.

(b) The board shall be composed of nine members who shall be appointed by the governor. One member shall be appointed from each congressional district with the remaining members appointed at large, however, no two members shall reside in the same county at the time of their appointment. At no time shall more than five members of the board of agriculture be members of the same political party.

(c) Subsequent redistricting shall not disqualify any member of the board from service for the remainder of such member's term.

(d) The regular term of office of members of the board of agriculture shall be four years. Regular terms shall commence on the second Monday in January following appointment of the board member.

(e) Of the members of the board appointed in the year 1995: (1) Four members shall have terms ending on the second Monday in January 2001 and no more than two such members shall be members of the same political party; and (2) five members shall have terms ending on the second Monday in January 1999 and no more than three such members shall be members of the same political party.

(f) Any member appointed subsequent to 1995 shall be appointed for a four-year term, unless such appointment is to fill the unexpired term where a vacancy has occurred on the board, in which case the member shall be appointed for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(g) No officer or employee of the Kansas department of agriculture shall be a member of the state board of agriculture.

**History:** L. 1995, ch. 236, § 3; L. 2004, ch. 101, § 176; July 1.