

## 201.

*The State Board of Agriculture is hereby empowered to make such investigations, studies and determinations as it may deem advisable in order to ascertain the extent of growth and infestation of Johnsongrass AND OTHER WEED SPECIES in this State, and the effect of Johnsongrass SUCH SPECIES on agricultural production.*

*The Board is hereby empowered to promulgate such rules and regulations as in its judgment are necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this subtitle, and to alter or suspend such rules when necessary.*

THE BOARD IS FURTHER AUTHORIZED TO DESIGNATE, FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING, OTHER SPECIES OF WEEDS WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECT OR THREATEN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND TO CARRY OUT SUCH PRACTICES AS ARE NECESSARY TO BRING ABOUT CONTROL AND/OR ABATEMENT OF SUCH SPECIES.

*The Board is further empowered to institute programs of control and eradication.*

*The Board is authorized to enter into agreements with any county and subdivision of the State, with any adjoining state, and with agencies of the Federal government to effect a program of control and eradication.*

*The Board may accept, use, or expend such aid, gift, grant, or loan as may from time to time be made available from any source, public or private, for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this subtitle.*

## 202.

*The State Board of Agriculture may enter into an agreement with any county in the State for the purpose of control and eradication of Johnsongrass OR OTHER WEED SPECIES within the county. When such an agreement is executed and certified in writing to the Secretary of State, the Board and the county may conduct surveys to determine the location and amount of infestations of Johnsongrass OR OTHER SPECIES within the county, and may provide technical and financial assistance to landowners in a cooperative control or eradication program, and may effect a program of mowing, spraying, or other control or eradication practices on road rights-of-way, drainage ditch banks, parks, playgrounds, and other public or private lands. The agreement between the Board and county may be terminated by either party on thirty (30) day written notice.*

## 203.

*It shall be unlawful to import Johnsongrass into this State or to transport Johnsongrass within this State in any form capable of growth, except for purposes of research with the prior written approval of the State Board of Agriculture. It shall be unlawful to knowingly contaminate any uninfested land with Johnsongrass through the movement of rootstocks, seed, soil, mulch, nursery stock, farm machinery, or any other medium.*