

(2) The Governor shall appoint the chairman of the board, from among the [nine] EIGHT at-large trustees. A majority of the members of the board serving at any one time constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 15-502 through 15-504 of the State Government Article, a person may be appointed to and serve on the board as an at-large member even if prior to the appointment the person sold an easement in the person's agricultural land to the Foundation.

(b) (1) The term of any trustee at-large serving on the board shall expire on July 1, 1977. The Governor then shall appoint trustees at-large for the following terms:

- (i) Three for a term of four years;
- (ii) Three for a term of three years; and
- (iii) Three for a term of two years.

(2) In appointing members at-large to replace members whose terms expire on July 1, 1977, the Governor may appoint members serving as of July 1, 1977. Thereafter, successors to trustees at-large whose terms expire shall be appointed for terms of four years. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term. A trustee at-large may not serve more than two successive terms. Appointment to fill a vacancy may not be considered as one of two terms.

(c) Trustees at-large shall take the oath of office as prescribed by law.

(d) Compensation may not be paid to any trustee. Each trustee shall be reimbursed for travel and other expenses incurred by him in the performance of his duties on behalf of the Foundation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved May 10, 2005.

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## CHAPTER 353

### (House Bill 76)

AN ACT concerning

#### **Agriculture - Animal Health - Civil Administrative Penalties**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to impose ~~a civil~~ an administrative penalty on any person who violates certain animal health requirements relating to livestock and poultry; establishing the maximum amount of a penalty that may be imposed under this Act; establishing the Animal Health Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund that may be used only for certain purposes; providing for the disposition distribution of certain penalties to