

No changes are made.

### 13-403. DESIGNATION.

THE COUNCIL IS A STATE RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL THAT BRINGS TOGETHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND REPRESENTATIVES OF PUBLIC SECTOR ENTITIES AND PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS TO ADDRESS COLLABORATIVELY PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES FACING RURAL COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 41, § 15-102(a).

The reference to "members of the public" is substituted for the former reference to "citizens" for clarity because the meaning of the term "citizen" in this context is unclear and for consistency with similar provisions in other revised articles of the Code. See General Revisor's Note to article.

The former reference to the Council being "designated as" a State rural development council is deleted as surplusage.

The only other changes are in style.

Defined terms: "Council" § 13-401

"State" § 9-101

### 13-404. STATUS.

THE COUNCIL IS AN INDEPENDENT UNIT IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT THAT IS PLACED UNDER THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY PURPOSES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 41, § 15-107(a).

The only changes are in style.

Defined terms: "Council" § 13-401

"State" § 9-101

### 13-405. MEMBERSHIP.

#### (A) OPEN MEMBERSHIP.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL IS OPEN TO ANY RESIDENT OF THE STATE WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN RURAL AREAS OF THE STATE AND CHOOSES TO JOIN THE COUNCIL.

#### (B) SPECIFIED MEMBERS.

THE COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) THE GOVERNOR OR THE GOVERNOR'S DESIGNEE;

(2) AS DETERMINED UNDER THE BYLAWS OF THE COUNCIL:

(I) REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES THAT SERVE RURAL INTERESTS; AND