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## **SYNOPSIS**

Provides that executive director of State Agriculture Development Committee is appointed by Governor.

## **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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AN ACT concerning the executive director of the State Agriculture
 Development Committee and supplementing P.L.1983, c.31
 (C.4:1C-1 et seq.).

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**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

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8 1. a. The Governor shall appoint, with the advice and consent 9 of the Senate, an executive director of the committee, who shall serve 10 as the committee's chief administrative officer. The executive 11 director shall maintain oversight of administrative operations 12 conducted by the committee, develop an annual budget and a salary and compensation guide for any managerial or other staff positions 13 14 that are not subject to Title 11A of the New Jersey Statutes, arrange 15 committee agendas with the approval of the committee's chair, 16 appoint administrative staff, execute contracts on behalf of the 17 committee; and perform any other responsibilities designated to the 18 executive director by the committee.

19 b. The executive director shall serve as a member of the senior 20 executive or unclassified service and may be appointed without regard to the provisions of Title 11A of the New Jersey Statutes. The 21 22 executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing 23 Governor during the Governor's term of office and until a successor 24 has been duly appointed and qualified. However, the executive 25 director shall not serve longer than six years, regardless of whether 26 or not the executive director's successor has been appointed. Any 27 vacancy in the office occurring for any reason other than the expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term only in the 28 29 same manner as the appointment of any subsequent executive 30 director as set forth herein. The executive director shall receive an 31 annual salary to be fixed and established by the Governor.

c. The executive director shall not represent any person or party
other than the State before or against the committee, or register as a
"governmental affairs agent" as defined in section 3 of P.L.1971,
c.183 (C.52:13C-20), for a period of two years from the termination
of the executive director's employment.

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41 42 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would require the Governor to appoint, with the advice
and consent of the Senate, the executive director of the State
Agriculture Development Committee (SADC). Currently, the
executive director is appointed by the SADC.

The bill would provide that the executive director serve until the end of the appointing Governor's term, and for a maximum of six

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years, regardless of whether or not the executive director's successor
has been appointed. The bill would also prohibit the executive
director from representing any person or party other than the State
before or against the SADC, or registering as a "governmental affairs
agent" as defined in section 3 of P.L.1971, c.183 (C.52:13C-20), for
a period of two years from the termination of the executive director's
employment.