

ASSEMBLY AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1565

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 22, 2021

The Assembly Agriculture Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1565.

This bill amends the “Agriculture Retention and Development Act” by creating alternate members on each County Agriculture Development Board (CADB) who are able to vote in the absence or disqualification of a voting member.

This bill would require each CADB to have two alternate members, one of whom represents the general public and one of whom is actively engaged in farming. These alternate members would each serve for a term of four years and may vote in place of an appointed voting member of their respective appointment background, should a voting member be absent or disqualified. The alternate voting member may participate in discussions of the proceedings when not voting.

The alternate member with a farming background would be appointed in the same manner as the four members actively engaged in farming, and the alternate member representing the general public would be appointed in the same manner as the three members representing the general public.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2020-2021 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.