

House Bill 545 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Cannon of the 172nd, Corbett of the 174th, Dickey of the 145th, Rhodes of the 124th, Houston of the 170th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to agricultural commodity commissions generally, so as to provide for an
3 Agricultural Commodity Commission for Citrus Fruits; to provide for a definition; to provide
4 for balloting for continued existence of said commission; to provide for related matters; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 8 of Title 2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 agricultural commodity commissions generally, is amended in Code Section 2-8-11, relating
10 to definitions, by revising paragraph (9) as follows:

11 "(9) 'Producer' means any person engaged within this state in the business of producing
12 or causing to be produced for market any agricultural commodity as defined in this Code
13 section. In the case of the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Wine and Grapes,
14 such term means a farm winery as defined in subsection (a) of Code Section 3-6-21.1.
15 In the case of the Agricultural Commodity Commission for Citrus Fruits, such term
16 means a producer that owns or operates at least five acres of citrus fruit bearing trees."

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17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said article is further amended in Code Section 2-8-13, relating to ratification of previously
19 established commissions and establishment of additional commissions, contributions deemed
20 voluntary, and balloting to determine continued existence, by adding new paragraphs to
21 subsection (a) and subsection (c) to read as follows:

22 "(7) There shall be an Agricultural Commodity Commission for Citrus Fruits established
23 on July 1, 2023."

24 "(7) Prior to December 31, 2026, and each three years thereafter, balloting shall be
25 conducted in accordance with Code Section 2-8-23 to determine whether any existing
26 commission listed in paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of this Code section shall continue
27 to exist and operate under this article."

28 **SECTION 3.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.