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Senate Bill 101

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Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural

Development; and then to the Committee on the

Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §19-1-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to qualifications of Commissioner of Agriculture; and eliminating certain requirements.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §19-1-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted
2 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

§19-1-2. Commissioner of Agriculture.

1 The Commissioner of Agriculture shall be elected by the qualified voters of the state at the
2 same time and in the same manner as other state officers are elected, and shall hold office for a
3 term of four years and until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

4 ~~The commissioner shall be a practical farmer, learned in the science of agriculture, and~~
5 ~~shall have made agriculture his chief business for a period of ten years immediately preceding his~~
6 ~~election.~~

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the requirement that the Commissioner of Agriculture be a practical farmer, learned in the science of agriculture and have made agriculture his or her chief business for 10 years immediately preceding his or her election.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.