

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2022 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Agriculture

CS/HB 1097 — Florida Citrus

by State Affairs Committee and Rep. Burton (CS/SB 1002 by Community Affairs Committee and Senator Burgess)

The bill creates the "Citrus Recovery Act." Specifically, the bill:

- Increases the membership of the Florida Citrus Commission (commission) from nine members to eleven;
- Increases the number of citrus districts from three to six and revises the counties that comprise each district;
- Requires certain entities to provide reports on citrus production research to the commission at specified intervals and upon request of the commission;
- Requires that new varieties of citrus fruit and certain technology produced from research or studies funded by state funds be made exclusively available for licensing and purchase to certain Florida producers for a specified timeframe;
- Requires producers who receive such exclusivity to retain the exclusivity for a specified timeframe and providing pricing requirements for such arrangements; and
- Requires moneys in the Florida Citrus Advertising Trust Fund to be expended for the activities authorized by s. 601.13, F.S.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 114-0