



AASCO

Association of American Seed Control Officials

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To: Association of Official Seed Analysts (AOSA)

RE: AOSA Voting By-Law Proposal

The Association of American Seed Control Officials (AASCO) support an AOSA Voting By-Law change that would allow AOSA to call a “Special Vote” if requested by the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), or AASCO to review an AOSA Rule that they feel may affect the regulatory abilities of a state and federal seed control official. The “Special Vote” rule would help continue the acceptance of the AOSA Rules for Testing Seed by regulatory agencies.

AASCO would not object to requiring a 50% approval from both AOSA and SCST for a rule to pass if the “Special Vote” option remains in the proposal. Removing the “Special Vote” option from the proposal and keeping the 50% approval requirement from both AOSA and SCST would be moving in the opposite direction of the intent of the original voting by-law proposals made by Johnny Zook and would not be supported by AASCO.

Respectfully,

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