

period of five years from the establishment of the agricultural district, the landowner agrees to keep his land in agricultural use and has the right to offer to sell an easement for development rights on his land to the foundation under the provisions of this subtitle.

(i) In the event of severe economic hardship the foundation, with the concurrence of the county governing body, may release the landowner's property from the agricultural district. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the foundation regarding a determination of severe economic hardship is entitled to judicial review.

(ii) Nothing in this section shall preclude the landowner from selling his property.

(8) At any time after five years from the establishment of a district a landowner may terminate his property as an agricultural district by notifying the foundation one year in advance of his intention to do so.

(9) After the establishment of an agricultural district the county governing body or the foundation may review the use of land within the district.

(10) The foundation may approve alteration or abolishment of a district only if:

(i) The use of land within the district has so changed as to cause land within the district to fail to meet the qualifications established under subsection (c) of this section;

(ii) The alteration or abolition of the district has been recommended by the county governing body; and

(iii) The alteration or abolition is approved by a majority of the foundation board of trustees at-large, by the Secretary, and by the State Treasurer.

(c) [Rules, regulations] REGULATIONS and criteria developed by the foundation relating to land which may be included in an agricultural district shall provide that:

(1) Land shall meet productivity, acreage, and locational criteria determined by the foundation to be necessary for the continuation of farming;

(2) The foundation shall attempt to preserve the minimum number of acres in a given district which may reasonably be expected to promote the continued availability of agricultural suppliers and markets for agricultural goods;

(3) Land within the boundaries of a 10-year water and sewer service district may be included in an agricultural district only if that land is outstanding in productivity and is of significant size;

(4) Land may be included in an agricultural district only if the county regulations governing the land permit the activities listed under § 2-513(a) of this subtitle.

**DRAFTER'S NOTE:**

Error: Obsolete terminology in § 2-509(a) of the Agriculture Article and in