

SENATE BILL NO. 55

BY SENATORS CATHEY AND WOMACK AND REPRESENTATIVES TRAVIS JOHNSON, MCMAHEN, MINCEY, ST. BLANC, THOMPSON, WHEAT AND WHITE

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 49:191(13)(a) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(10)(c), relative to the Department of
3 Agriculture and Forestry, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the
4 Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the statutory entities made a part of the
5 department by law; to provide for the effective termination date for all statutory
6 authority for the existence of such statutory entities; and to provide for related
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Pursuant to R.S. 49:193, the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and
10 the statutory entities made a part of the department by law shall be re-created effective
11 June 30, 2022, and all statutory authority therefore is continued in accordance with the
12 provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

13 Section 2. All statutory authority for the existence of the Department of Agriculture
14 and Forestry and the statutory entities made a part of the department as re-created by Section
15 1 of this Act shall cease as of July 1, 2027, pursuant to R.S. 49:191. However the
16 Department of Agriculture and Forestry may be re-created prior to such date in accordance
17 with the provisions of Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
18 1950.

19 Section 3. The provisions of R.S. 49:193 are hereby superseded to the extent that
20 those provisions are in conflict with the provisions of this Act.

21 Section 4. R.S. 49:191(13)(a) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

22 §191. Termination of legislative authority for existence of statutory entities; phase-
23 out period for statutory entities; table of dates

1 Notwithstanding any termination dates set by any previous Act of the
2 legislature, the statutory entities set forth in this Section shall begin to terminate their
3 operations on July first of each of the following years, and all legislative authority
4 for the existence of any statutory entity, as defined in R.S. 49:190, shall cease as of
5 July first of the following year, which shall be the termination date:

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7 **(13) July 1, 2026:**

8 **(a) The Department of Agriculture and Forestry and all statutory entities**
9 **made a part of the department by law.**

10 Section 5. R.S. 49:191(10)(c) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

11 Section 6. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2022; if vetoed by the
12 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
13 June 30, 2022, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____