

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 324

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**WILDLIFE & FISHERIES: Provides relative to the composition of the Oyster Task Force.**

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Present law provides for the composition of the Oyster Task Force.

Present law further provides for four members appointed by the La. Oyster Dealers and Growers Association, one of which who is required to be from Lafourche Parish and one of which who is required to be from Jefferson Parish.

Proposed law adds Terrebonne Parish to the list of parishes from which the La. Oyster Dealers and Growers Association can select appointees.

Proposed law retains the present law requirement that four members be appointed by the La. Oyster Dealers and Growers Association, but changes the requirement that one member each be from Lafourche Parish and Jefferson Parish, to a requirement that two members serve at-large, one of the remaining two members be from Jefferson Parish, and one be chosen from Lafourche Parish or Terrebonne Parish.

Proposed law adds one member to the task force to be appointed by the La. Oyster Aquaculture Association.

Present law provides that one member be appointed to the task force by the Calcasieu Lake Oyster Task Force. Proposed law changes the appointing authority from the Calcasieu Lake Oyster Task Force to the Cameron Parish police jury.

Proposed law requires that the Cameron Parish police jury appointee be a licensed oyster harvester with documented commercial landings from Calcasieu Lake or a licensed seafood dealer with documented commercial purchases from Calcasieu lake in the year of or prior to appointment.

(Amends R.S. 56:421(B)(5), (8), (13), and (14) and (C); adds R.S. 56:421(B)(15))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Add Terrebonne Parish to the list of parishes from which the La. Oyster Dealers and Growers Association can select appointees from.
2. Change the requirement that one member each be from Lafourche Parish and Jefferson Parish, to a requirement that two members serve at-large, one of the remaining two members be from Jefferson Parish, and one be chosen from Lafourche Parish or Terrebonne Parish.
3. Add a member to the task force to be appointed by the La. Oyster Aquaculture Association.
4. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change an appointing authority from the Calcasieu Lake Oyster Task Force to the Cameron Parish police jury.
2. Make technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the reengrossed bill

1. Requires that task force appointee from the Cameron Parish police jury be a licensed oyster harvester with documented commercial landings from Calcasieu Lake or a licensed dealer with documented commercial purchases from Calcasieu lake in the year of or prior to appointment.