To amend and reenact R.S. 56:421(B)(5), (8), (13), and (14) and 421(C) and to enact R.S. 56:421(B)(15), relative to the composition of the Oyster Task Force; to provide for members appointed by the Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:421(B)(5), (8), (13), and (14) and 421(C) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 56:421(B)(15) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

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B. The task force shall be composed as follows:

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(5) Four members appointed by the Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association. One member appointed under the provisions of this Paragraph shall be from Lafourche Parish and one member shall be from Jefferson Parish. Two members appointed under the provisions of this Paragraph shall be selected at-large. Of the other two members, one shall be from Jefferson Parish and one shall be selected from either Lafourche or Terrebonne Parish.

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(8) One member appointed by the Calcasieu Lake Oyster Task Force Cameron Parish police jury who is a properly licensed oyster harvester with documented commercial landings of oysters from Calcasieu Lake, or a properly
licensed seafood dealer with documented commercial purchases of oysters from Calcasieu Lake during the current or preceding license year of appointment as per records of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

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(13) One member appointed by the Louisiana Oyster Aquaculture Association.

(14) One member appointed by the executive director of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

(15) One member appointed by the Louisiana Oystermen Association.

C. The members appointed under the provisions of Paragraphs (B)(1) through (4) and (13) (14) of this Section shall be nonvoting members. However, they shall be considered members of the task force for determination of the number of members necessary for a quorum and for establishing the presence of a quorum.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________

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