

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 297

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBBY CARTER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AGRICULTURE/SWEET POTATO: Provides relative to membership on the Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1743(A), relative to membership on the Sweet Potato  
3 Advertising and Development Commission; to provide for a decrease in membership  
4 on the Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission; and to provide for  
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 3:1743(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §1743. Louisiana Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission; creation  
9 and organization

10 A. The Louisiana Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission  
11 is created with its domicile at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to be composed of ~~eleven~~  
12 nine members, ~~ten~~ eight of whom shall be appointed by the commissioner of  
13 agriculture and forestry. The ~~eleventh~~ ninth member shall be the commissioner, or  
14 his designee, who shall serve as an ex officio member of the commission with the  
15 same rights and privileges, including voting rights, as other members. Four of the  
16 ~~ten~~ eight members to be appointed shall be practical sweet potato growers, ~~four~~ three  
17 shall be handlers or shippers of sweet potatoes, and ~~two~~ one shall be a commercial  
18 ~~processors~~ processor.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Decreases the membership of the La. Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission.

Present law provides that the La. Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission is composed of 11 members.

Proposed law reduces the composition from 11 members to nine members.

Present law provides that 10 members of the commission are appointed by the commissioner of agriculture and forestry.

Proposed law reduces the number of members appointed by the commissioner from 10 to eight.

Present law mandates that the commissioner or his designee is the eleventh member of the commission.

Proposed law modifies present law by specifying that the commissioner or his designee will be the ninth member of the commission.

Present law provides that four of the 10 members be practical sweet potato growers.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the internal reference to the number of members appointed by the commissioner from 10 to eight. Retains present law otherwise.

Present law requires four members of the commission be handlers or shippers of sweet potatoes.

Proposed law reduces the number of members that must be handlers or shippers of sweet potatoes from four members to three.

Present law requires that two members of the commission be commercial processors.

Proposed law reduces the number of commercial processor members from two to one.

(Amends R.S. 3:1743(A))