

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 812

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

SEAFOOD: Provides relative to the membership and quorum of the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:578.2(A)(1) and (C), relative to the Louisiana Seafood
3 Promotion and Marketing Board; to add new members to that board; to provide for
4 what constitutes a quorum; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:578.2(A)(1) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
7 as follows:

8 §578.2. Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board; creation and
9 organization

10 A.(1)(a) There is hereby created in the Department of Culture, Recreation
11 and Tourism the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board. The agency
12 shall have its domicile in Baton Rouge and shall be governed by a board of trustees
13 composed of ~~fourteen~~ eighteen members; ~~thirteen~~ Thirteen members shall be
14 appointed by the lieutenant governor from persons engaged in the commercial
15 seafood, crawfish, and alligator industry in Louisiana as provided in Paragraph (2)
16 of this Subsection.

17 (b) ~~and the fourteenth member to~~ There shall be the five members who shall
18 serve as ex officio nonvoting members as follows:

19 (i) The secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism or
20 his designated representative, ~~who shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member.~~

- (4) One member appointed from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Oyster Task Force.
- (5) One member appointed from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Retailers Association and shall be a seafood buyer.
- (6) One member appointed from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Shrimp Association.
- (7) One member who represents the commercial saltwater finfish industry. The appointment shall rotate between a harvester and a processor.
- (8) One member appointed from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Restaurant Association.
- (9) One member who is a seafood processor.
- (10) One member appointed from a list of three names submitted by the Crab Task Force.
- (11) One member who represents the wild catfish industry. The appointment shall rotate between a farmer, a harvester, and a processor.
- (12) One member who is a marketing specialist.
- (13) One member who represents the alligator industry. The appointment shall rotate between a farmer, a harvester, and a processor.

The 14th member is designated to be the secretary of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism or his designated representative.

Proposed law provides for 18 members of the board retaining present law and adding the following ex officio nonvoting members:

- (1) The secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries or his designated representative from the department staff.
- (2) The director of La. Sea Grant or his designated representative from the Sea Grant staff.
- (3) The commissioner of agriculture or his designated representative from the department staff.
- (4) The president of the La. Farm Bureau Federation or his designated representative.

Present law provides that eight members of the board constitutes a quorum. Proposed law provides that seven members of the board constitutes a quorum.

(Amends R.S. 56:578.2(A)(1) and (C))