

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 94

BY REPRESENTATIVE PUGH

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

AGRICULTURE/FOREST DEPT: Provides relative to the membership of the Louisiana Strawberry Marketing Board

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:730.3(B), relative to the Louisiana Strawberry Marketing
3 Board; to reduce the number of board appointments; to allow for designees; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 3:730.3(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §730.3. Louisiana Strawberry Marketing Board

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9 B.(1) The board shall consist of ~~twelve~~ eleven members. ~~Nine~~ Eight
10 members shall be appointed by the commissioner and confirmed by the Senate as
11 follows:

12 (a) Seven members shall be practicing strawberry producers.

13 ~~(b) One member shall be an agricultural chemical dealer, representative, or
14 consultant with knowledge of the strawberry industry.~~

15 ~~(c)~~ (b) One member shall be a consumer with knowledge of the strawberry
16 industry.

17 (2) The commissioner or his designee, the resident coordinator of the
18 Louisiana State University Agriculture Experiment Station at Hammond or his
19 designee, and the chairman of the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival shall serve ex
20 officio and shall have all rights and responsibilities of appointed members. The

1 commissioner or his designee, the resident coordinator of the Louisiana State
 2 University Agriculture Experiment Station at Hammond or his designee, and the
 3 chairman of the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival shall be counted for purposes of
 4 constituting a quorum.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes one appointee from the La. Strawberry Marketing Board to reduce the membership from 12 to 11 and allows the resident coordinator of the LSU Agriculture Experiment Station at Hammond to appoint a designee.

Present law creates the La. Strawberry Marketing Board and provides for 12 members.

Present law provides that the following nine members shall be appointed by the commissioner of agriculture and forestry and confirmed by the Senate:

- (1) Seven practicing strawberry producers.
- (2) One agricultural chemical dealer, representative, or consultant with knowledge of the strawberry industry.
- (3) One consumer with knowledge of the strawberry industry.

Proposed law removes the agricultural chemical dealer, representative, or consultant with knowledge of the strawberry industry appointment.

Present law provides that the commissioner or his designee, the resident coordinator of the LSU Agriculture Experiment Station at Hammond, and the chairman of the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival shall serve as ex officio members and have all the rights and responsibilities of appointed members.

Proposed law retains present law and allows the resident coordinator of the LSU Agriculture Experiment Station at Hammond to appoint a designee.

(Amends R.S. 3:730.3(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill:

1. Allow the resident coordinator of the LSU Agriculture Experiment Station at Hammond to appoint a designee to the La. Strawberry Marketing Board.