

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 82

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

AGRICULTURE/FOREST DEPT. Provides relative to the state chemist. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1(7), 1024, and 3225(A), relative to the state chemist; to
3 provide relative to the director of the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station of
4 the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center or his designee; and to provide
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 3:1(7), 1024, and 3225(A) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
8 as follows:

9 §1. Terms defined

10 As used in this Title, the terms defined in this Section have the meanings
11 herein given to them, except where the context expressly indicates otherwise:

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13 (7) "State chemist", notwithstanding anything in this Title to the contrary,
14 means the director of the Louisiana agricultural experiment station of the Louisiana
15 State University Agricultural Center ~~and also shall mean~~ **or** his designee, who shall
16 be a member of the university's academic faculty and who, as determined by the state
17 chemist, possesses a practical understanding of a body of knowledge that is sufficient

1 to properly effect relevant analytical and microscopical work, research that may
 2 contribute to the knowledge of the properties, values, and proper use of commercial
 3 feeding stuffs, commercial fertilizers, and commercial insecticides and fungicides
 4 in Louisiana, and other analyses, determinations, responsibilities, duties, and
 5 obligations imposed on the state chemist in this Title.

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7 §1024. Director of experiment stations as state chemist

8 The director of the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station of the
 9 Louisiana State University Agricultural Center **or his designee** shall be the state
 10 chemist, with all the rights conferred and all the duties and obligations imposed on
 11 the state chemist, especially as to analytical and microscopical work that may be
 12 necessary or desirable and all research as may contribute to the knowledge of the
 13 properties, values, and proper use of commercial feeding stuffs, commercial
 14 fertilizers, and commercial insecticides and fungicides in Louisiana.

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16 §3225. State chemist

17 A. The director of the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station of the
 18 Louisiana State University Agricultural Center **or his designee** shall be the state
 19 chemist.

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21 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 22 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 23 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 24 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 25 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Frances Aucoin.

DIGEST

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Present law (R.S. 3:1(7)) provides that the definition of "state chemist" means the director of the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center and also shall mean his designee.

Proposed law retains present law but clarifies the definition relative to his designee.

Present law (R.S. 3:1024) and (R.S. 3:3225) provides that the director of the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center must be the state chemist.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that the director or his designee must be the state chemist.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 3:1(7), 1024, and 3225(A))