

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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**Romero**

Prior law provided for the membership of the La. Crawfish Promotion and Research Board, which consisted of 11 members appointed by the commissioner of agriculture and forestry.

New law changes the number of members of the board from 11 to 13.

Prior law required that a member of the board who was engaged in crawfish farming or harvesting be appointed from a list of three persons nominated by the La. Farm Bureau Federation.

New law increases the number of board members engaged in crawfish farming or harvesting from one to three and increases the number of nominees appointed by the La. Farm Bureau Federation from three to six.

Prior law required that one member of the board be an owner or operator of a facility that produced artificial crawfish bait.

New law requires that the member be engaged in the crawfish industry and be appointed from a list of three nominees submitted by an owner or operator of a facility that also sells artificial crawfish bait.

Existing law requires that each appointment made by the commissioner be submitted to the Senate for confirmation.

New law adds a requirement that the members of the board be appointed for terms concurrent with the term of the commissioner of agriculture and forestry.

Prior law required that a majority of the members of the board constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and required an affirmative vote of a majority of the members who were present and voting for all official actions.

New law specifies that the majority of the board members necessary to transact business are those who are appointed and serving on the board.

Prior law required the board to meet quarterly and authorized the board to meet at other times on the call of the chairman or the request of any four members. Existing law prohibits the board from receiving per diem or mileage for more than twelve meetings in any calendar year.

New law changes the frequency of the board meetings from quarterly to a minimum of two meetings per calendar year.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 3:556.3(B)(intro. para.), (5), and (6) and (C), (F), and (H))