

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 707

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

PETROLEUM/OIL-GAS: Provides relative to the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1851(E)(1) and (F), relative to the Liquefied Petroleum Gas  
3 Commission and advisory board; to authorize the commission to enter into  
4 cooperative endeavor agreements for market development; to provide for the  
5 membership of the advisory board; to provide for meetings of the advisory board;  
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1851(E)(1) and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
9 follows:

10 §1851. Assessment

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12 E.(1) The proceeds of the assessment and the interest earned on those  
13 proceeds shall be used for market development and promotion of the use of liquefied  
14 petroleum gas. Such marketing programs may include advertising on radio,  
15 television, newspapers, magazines, billboards, websites, and online venues, as well  
16 as sponsorships and participation in trade shows, consumer rebate programs to  
17 encourage the purchase of propane appliances, and any other programs as  
18 recommended by the Market Development Advisory Committee established under  
19 Subsection F of this Section. The commission may enter into a cooperative endeavor

1 agreement with the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to facilitate the market  
2 development and promotion activities required by this Paragraph.

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4 F.(1) The commission shall establish a board to advise the commission on  
5 the expenditure of funds collected under this Section. The executive director of the  
6 commission may appoint one member of the commission to serve on the advisory  
7 board as the commission's representative. ~~One advisory board member shall be~~  
8 ~~appointed by the commission from each commission inspector's area, as designated~~  
9 ~~by the commission, and two members shall be appointed at large.~~ Each member of  
10 the advisory board shall be a holder of a Class I, Class IV, or Class VI permit or have  
11 worked in some capacity in the liquified petroleum gas industry. Each class of  
12 permit holders on which this Section levies an assessment shall have at least ~~two~~  
13 ~~members~~ one member who ~~hold permits~~ holds a permit for their respective ~~classes~~  
14 class on the advisory board. There shall be not more than nine members of the  
15 advisory board. The advisory board members shall serve a term concurrent with that  
16 of the governor and, in case of resignation, the appointee will fill the unexpired term.  
17 Members shall not receive any compensation for serving on the advisory board.

18 (2) Meetings of the advisory board shall be advertised as required by the  
19 Open Meetings Law and may be held in person or via electronic means.

20 (3) The number of members necessary to constitute a quorum shall be at  
21 least one half of all advisory board members. For the purpose of making a quorum,  
22 advisory board members who cannot participate in person or via electronic means  
23 may send a proxy to attend a meeting in their absence if they provide written notice  
24 to the chairperson no later than twenty-four hours before the scheduled meeting.

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DIGEST

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HB 707 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the Liquified Petroleum Commission to enter into a cooperative endeavor with the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry for market development and promotion and provides for the appointment of members to the advisory board and procedures for advisory board meetings.

Present law establishes a Liquified Petroleum Gas Commission and authorizes the commission to levy assessments on Class I, Class IV, and Class VI permit holders.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for authorized uses of the assessment proceeds collected by the commission, including market development and promotion activities.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to enter into cooperative endeavor agreements with the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry for the market development and promotion activities required under present law.

Present law requires the commission to establish an advisory board.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires that one advisory board member be appointed from each commission inspector's area and that two members be appointed at large.

Proposed law removes present law and provides that the executive director of the commission may appoint one member of the commission to serve on the board.

Present law requires that each board member hold a Class I, IV, or VI permit.

Proposed law also allows board members to have work experience in the industry instead of a permit.

Present law requires that each class of permit subject to assessments be represented by two board members.

Proposed law modifies present law by only requiring one board member from each permit class.

Proposed law further provides that meetings of the board may be held in person or via electronic means and requires that they be advertised as required by the Open Meetings Law.

Proposed law establishes that 50% of the members of the board constitutes a quorum for board meetings and allows a board member that cannot attend to send a proxy if they provide the chairperson written notice 24 hours before the meeting.

(Amends R.S. 40:1851(E)(1) and (F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make a technical change.