

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 426

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARMES

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

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES CMN: (Constitutional Amendment) Adds members to the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION

2 Proposing to amend Article IX, Section 7(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide
3 relative to the membership of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; to
4 provide relative to members of such commission; to provide for submission of the
5 proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

6 Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members
7 elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of
8 Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to
9 amend Article IX, Section 7(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

10 §7. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

11 Section 7.(A) Members; Terms. The control and supervision of the wildlife
12 of the state, including all aquatic life, is vested in the Louisiana Wildlife and
13 Fisheries Commission. The commission shall be in the executive branch and shall
14 consist of seven members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the
15 Senate. Six members shall serve overlapping terms of six years, and one member
16 shall serve a term concurrent with that of the governor. Three members shall be
17 electors of the coastal parishes and representatives of the commercial fishing and fur
18 industries, two members shall be electors appointed at large from the parishes
19 located north of a line created by the northern boundary of the parishes of
20 Beauregard, Allen, Evangeline, Avoyelles, and Pointe Coupee, and ~~four~~ two

1 members shall be electors from the state at large other than representatives of the
2 commercial fishing and fur industries, as provided by law. No member who has
3 served six years or more shall be eligible for reappointment.

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5 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
6 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,
7 2014.

8 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
9 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
10 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
11 follows:

12 Do you support an amendment to require that two members of the Wildlife
13 and Fisheries Commission be electors from parishes located north of the
14 parishes of Beauregard, Allen, Evangeline, Avoyelles, and Pointe Coupee?
15 (Effective January 1, 2015) (Amends Article IX, Section 7(A))

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires two at-large members of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission be from North La.

Present constitution establishes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission with seven members. Specifies the representation for the membership and the length of the term of office.

Proposed constitutional amendment would retain present constitution and would require that two of the at-large members be residents of parishes from north of a line created by the northern boundary of the parishes of Beauregard, Allen, Evangeline, Avoyelles, and Pointe Coupee.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 4, 2014.

Effective Jan. 1, 2015

(Amends Const Art. IX, §7(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill.

1. Removed the additional members.
2. Removed provisions that increase the term of office.
3. Provided that two of the at-large members must be appointed from north of a line created by the northern boundary of the parishes of Beauregard, Allen, Evangeline, Avoyelles, and Pointe Coupee.