

**ACT No. 42**

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 251

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHANEY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 3:1204(A)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (C)(3), relative to  
3 the state soil and water conservation commission; to modify the membership of the  
4 soil and water conservation commission; to remove the requirement that the  
5 Department of Agriculture and Forestry perform audits on the state soil and water  
6 commission; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 3:1204(A)(1)(a)(introductory paragraph) and (C)(3) are hereby  
9 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1204. State soil and water conservation commission

11 A.(1)(a) There is hereby established, to serve as an agency of the state and  
12 to perform the functions conferred upon it in this Part, a state soil and water  
13 conservation commission. The commission shall consist of ~~eight~~ nine members.  
14 ~~The chancellor of the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center~~ Louisiana State  
15 University Vice President of Agriculture and Dean of the College of Agriculture or  
16 his successor, the chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Center, the  
17 commissioner of agriculture and forestry of Louisiana, and the president of the  
18 Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts shall automatically be members of  
19 this commission. Each shall designate a person to represent him at meetings at  
20 which he cannot be present, and the person so designated by each shall serve, in the  
21 absence of the officer who selects him, with the same power and authority as that  
22 officer, including the right to vote. In the case of the Louisiana Association of  
23 Conservation Districts president, his alternate shall be the vice president of the

1 association. The other five members shall be elected, one from each of the following  
2 areas of the state:

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4 C.

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6 (3) The commission shall provide for the execution of surety bonds for all  
7 employees and officers who shall be entrusted with funds or property; shall provide  
8 for the keeping of a full and accurate record of all proceedings and all resolutions,  
9 regulations, and orders issued or adopted; shall provide for an annual examination  
10 of the accounts of receipts and disbursements and an annual examination of all  
11 districts; and shall provide for a complete audit at least once every four years of the  
12 accounts of receipts and disbursements ~~and of all districts, all of which shall be~~  
13 ~~performed by the audit and evaluation section of the Department of Agriculture and~~  
14 ~~Forestry and~~ filed with the legislative auditor pursuant to and in accordance with  
15 R.S. 24:513.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_