2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 812

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEOPOLD

SEAFOOD: Provides relative to the membership and quorum of the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board

AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 56:578.2(A)(1) and (C), relative to the Louisiana Seafood
Promotion and Marketing Board; to add new members to that board; to provide for
what constitutes a quorum; and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 56:578.2(A)(1) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
as follows:
§578.2. Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board; creation and
organization
A.(1)(a) There is hereby created in the Department of Culture, Recreation
and Tourism the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board. The agency
shall have its domicile in Baton Rouge and shall be governed by a board of trustees
composed of fourteen eighteen members; thirteen Thirteen members shall be
appointed by the lieutenant governor from persons engaged in the commercial
seafood, crawfish, and alligator industry in Louisiana as provided in Paragraph (2)
of this Subsection.
(b) and the fourteenth member to There shall be the five members who shall
serve as ex officio nonvoting members as follows:
(i) The secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism or
his designated representative, who shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member.

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1	(ii) The secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries or his
2	designated representative from the department staff.
3	(iii) The director of Louisiana Sea Grant or his designated representative
4	from the Sea Grant staff.
5	(iv) The commissioner of agriculture or his designated representative from
6	the staff of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.
7	(v) The president of the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation or his designated
8	representative.
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10	C. The presence of eight seven members of the board shall constitute a
10 11	C. The presence of eight seven members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business and the carrying out of duties of the board.
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11 12 13	quorum for the transaction of all business and the carrying out of duties of the board. Each member shall take and subscribe to the oath of office prescribed for state officers. The members of the board shall serve without compensation; however, the

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Abstract: Provides relative to the membership and quorum of the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board.

<u>Present law</u> creates the La. Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board consisting of 13 members appointed by the Lt. Governor as follows:

- (1) One member appointed from a list of three names submitted by members from Louisiana of the American Shrimp Processors Association.
- (2) One member appointed from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers Association.
- (3) One member appointed from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana crawfish industry. The appointment shall rotate between a farmer, a harvester, and a processor.

- (4) One member appointed from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Oyster Task Force.
- (5) One member appointed from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Retailers Association and shall be a seafood buyer.
- (6) One member appointed from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Shrimp Association.
- (7) One member who represents the commercial saltwater finfish industry. The appointment shall rotate between a harvester and a processor.
- (8) One member appointed from a list of three names submitted by the Louisiana Restaurant Association.
- (9) One member who is a seafood processor.
- (10) One member appointed from a list of three names submitted by the Crab Task Force.
- (11) One member who represents the wild catfish industry. The appointment shall rotate between a farmer, a harvester, and a processor.
- (12) One member who is a marketing specialist.
- (13) One member who represents the alligator industry. The appointment shall rotate between a farmer, a harvester, and a processor.

The 14th member is designated to be the secretary of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism or his designated representative.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for 18 members of the board retaining <u>present law</u> and adding the following ex officio nonvoting members:

- (1) The secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries or his designated representative from the department staff.
- (2) The director of La. Sea Grant or his designated representative from the Sea Grant staff.
- (3) The commissioner of agriculture or his designated representative from the department staff.
- (4) The president of the La. Farm Bureau Federation or his designated representative.

<u>Present law</u> provides that eight members of the board constitutes a quorum. <u>Proposed law</u> provides that seven members of the board constitutes a quorum.

(Amends R.S. 56:578.2(A)(1) and (C))