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## DIGEST

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HB 812 Reengrossed

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

Present law 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.

Proposed law provides for 18 members of the board retaining present law 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.

Present law provides that eight members of the board constitutes a quorum. Proposed law provides that seven members of the board constitutes a quorum.

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