

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 624****2018 Regular Session****Schexnayder**

AGRICULTURE: Provides relative to the Commission of Weights and Measures

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Adds mini-sacks to the requirement that sacks and barrels contain correct measurements at the time of delivery.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law provides for 10 members appointed by the commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry to the Commission of Weights and Measures. Proposed law authorizes the commissioner to appoint alternates from the same list of nominees in the same manner as each appointed member. Provides that each alternate attending a meeting has the same rights, powers, and privileges as the member, including voting.

Proposed law requires the removal from the commission for any member who is no longer a resident of Louisiana, is no longer active in the organization or agency for which he was appointed to represent, or has three or more unexcused absences within a 12-month period of time as verified by the commissioner and the chairman of the commission.

Proposed law defines "basket" as a one and one-half bushel container used for measuring oysters for sale or purchase.

Present law requires that each sack of oysters contains one basket and each barrel contains two baskets. Proposed law requires that each mini-sack of oysters contains one-half bushel, each sack contains one and one-half bushels, and each barrel contains three bushels.

Present law requires that sacks and barrels contain correct measurements at the time of delivery to the consignee, buyer, or importer and at the time of delivery to any subsequent buyer. Proposed law extends the requirement to mini-sacks.

(Amends R.S. 3:4603(E) through (J) and 4633(B); Adds R.S. 3:4602(22) and 4603(K) and (L))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill:

1. Make a technical change.