DIGEST

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Armes HB No. 503

Abstract: Provides for the addition of three new members to the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission consist of seven members to be appointed by the governor to represent certain industries and at large from the state.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds three new members to be appointed by the governor. Specifies that the new members must each reside in certain segments of North La. as delineated by <u>proposed law</u>. Further increases the term limit <u>from</u> six years <u>to</u> nine years, still with overlapping terms.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides transition guidance for the new appointees and for transition to the nine-year terms.

<u>Proposed law</u> becomes effective if, as, and when the amendment to the constitution proposed by HB No. _____ of the 2013 R.S. is adopted at a statewide election and becomes effective.

(Amends R.S. 36:601(A) and R.S. 56:1(B), (C), (D), and (E))