DIGEST

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Armes

HB No. 503

Abstract: Requires two of the at-large members of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission be appointed from the northern parishes of the state.

<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 specifies that two of the at-large members must each be electors from north of a line created by the northern boundary of the parishes of Beauregard, Allen, Evangeline, Avoyelles, and Pointe Coupee.

<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), and (D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Natural Resources and</u> <u>Environment</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

- 1. Remove the additional commission members.
- 2. Provide that the terms of office remain the same as <u>present law</u>.
- 3. Require that two of the commissioners appointed at-large from the state be electors of parishes located north of a line created by the northern boundaries of the parishes of Beauregard, Allen, Evangeline, Avoyelles, and Pointe Coupee.
- 4. Remove the transition provisions for the additional members.