

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 167

BY SENATOR CHABERT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

SEAFOOD. Transfers the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. (7/1/13)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 36:802.5, and R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(a)(ii), (b)(i) and (ii), (e), (3) and

3 (D), 421(E) and (F), 494(E) and (F), 578.1, 578.2(A)(1) and (4), (B), (D)(2), (E)

4 and (F)(3), 578.3(9), 578.4, 578.7, and 578.9, to enact R.S. 36:209(Y), and to repeal

5 R.S. 36:610(E) and R.S. 56:578.5, 578.6, 578.8, and 578.12, relative to the Louisiana

6 Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board; to transfer the board to the Department of

7 Culture, Recreation and Tourism; to provide certain terms, conditions, and

8 requirements; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 36:802.5 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 36:209(Y) is

11 hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §209. Transfer of boards, commissions, departments, and agencies to Department of

13 Culture, Recreation and Tourism

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15 **Y. The Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board (R.S.**

16 **56:578.1 et seq.) is placed within the Department of Culture, Recreation and**

17 **Tourism and shall perform its duties, powers, functions, and responsibilities as**

1 **provided for agencies transferred in accordance with R.S. 36:802.5.**

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3 §802.5. Transfer; certain appointive authority retained

4 The agencies placed in the ~~Department of Wildlife and Fisheries~~ **Department**
5 **of Culture, Recreation and Tourism** by ~~R.S. 36:610(E)~~ **R.S. 36:209(Y)** shall
6 exercise and carry out all powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities as provided
7 by R.S. 36:802, except that each agency shall hire its own director and assistant
8 director, subject to the approval of the secretary of the ~~Department of Wildlife and~~
9 ~~Fisheries~~ **Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.**

10 Section 2. R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(a)(ii), (b)(i) and (ii), (e), (3) and (D), 421(E) and (F),
11 494(E) and (F), 578.1, 578.2(A)(1) and (4), (B), (D)(2), (E) and (F)(3), 578.3(9), 578.4,
12 578.7, and 578.9 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

13 §10. Annual report to governor; estimate of proposed expenditures; particular funds;
14 warrants; vouchers; surplus funds

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16 B.(1)(a)(i) * * *

17 (ii) Pay annually into ~~the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Fund~~, into a
18 special account entitled **fund created in the state treasury and designated as** the
19 "Oyster Development ~~Account~~ **Fund**", the additional fee of five cents for each oyster
20 tag sold pursuant to R.S. 56:449 and paid into the treasury by the commission. All
21 expenditures and allocation of funds **monies** from this account **fund** shall be
22 administered ~~jointly~~ by the ~~Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board and~~
23 ~~the Louisiana Oyster Task Force.~~ **The task force may contract with the Louisiana**
24 **Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board to promote the Louisiana oyster**
25 **industry.**

26 (b)(i) Pay annually into ~~the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Fund~~, into a
27 special account entitled **fund created in the state treasury and designated as** the
28 "Shrimp Marketing and Promotion ~~Account~~ **Fund**", an amount equal to the fees
29 collected pursuant to R.S. 56:305(G) and paid into the treasury by the commission.

1 All expenditures and allocation of funds **monies** from this account **fund** shall be
 2 administered ~~jointly~~ by the ~~Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board and~~
 3 ~~the~~ Louisiana Shrimp Task Force to be used for the development of markets for
 4 shrimp and creation of marketing strategies for the development and market
 5 expansion for shrimp harvested from Louisiana waters. **The task force may**
 6 **contract with the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board to**
 7 **promote the Louisiana shrimp industry.**

8 (ii) Pay annually into the Conservation Fund, into a special account entitled
 9 the "Shrimp Trade Petition Account", an amount equal to the fees collected pursuant
 10 to R.S. 56:305(H) and 506.1. Subject to annual appropriation by the legislature, the
 11 monies in the fund shall be used exclusively for the purposes of promotion and
 12 protection of domestic wild-caught shrimp. For purposes of this Item, promotion and
 13 protection of domestic wild-caught shrimp shall include expenses related to the
 14 petition filed by the Southern Shrimp Alliance in December 2003 for the imposition
 15 of antidumping duties pursuant to Section 731 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.
 16 All expenditures and allocation of funds from this account shall be administered
 17 ~~jointly~~ by the ~~Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board and the~~ Louisiana
 18 Shrimp Task Force. The monies in this account shall be invested by the state
 19 treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund and all returns on
 20 such investment shall be deposited to the account. All unexpended and
 21 unencumbered monies remaining in this account at the end of the fiscal year shall
 22 remain in the account.

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24 (e) Pay annually into ~~the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Fund~~, into a
 25 special account titled **fund created in the state treasury and designated as the**
 26 "Crab Promotion and Marketing ~~Account~~ **Fund**", an amount equal to the fees
 27 specified for deposit in R.S. 56:305(B)(2) and (C)(1), 306(B)(6), and 306.1(B)(7).
 28 All expenditures and allocations of funds **monies** from this account **fund** shall be
 29 administered ~~jointly~~ by the ~~Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board and~~

1 declines and degradations, and make recommendations to resolve such problems.

2 (4) Make recommendations with respect to issues pertaining to the oyster
3 industry and oyster production to the various state agencies charged with
4 responsibility for differing elements of the oyster industry in this state, including the
5 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Department of Natural Resources, and the
6 Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board, the Coastal Protection and
7 Restoration Authority, the Department of Health and Hospitals, the governor's
8 executive assistant for coastal activities, and the legislature.

9 **(5) Employ such personnel as necessary.**

10 **(6) Develop markets and marketing strategies for the development of**
11 **new and expanded markets for Louisiana oysters.**

12 **(7) Represent the interests of the Louisiana oyster industry before**
13 **federal and state administrative and legislative bodies on issues of importance**
14 **to the Louisiana oyster industry.**

15 **(8) Contract for legal services to represent the interests of the Louisiana**
16 **oyster industry in judicial, administrative, and legislative proceedings.**

17 **(9) Administer the funds in the Oyster Development Fund.**

18 **(10) Perform any acts deemed necessary and proper to carry out its**
19 **duties and responsibilities.**

20 F. The activities of the Oyster Task Force shall be funded through the Oyster
21 Development ~~Account of the Seafood Promotion and Marketing~~ Fund as provided
22 in R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(a)**(ii)**.

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24 §494. Louisiana Shrimp Task Force

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26 E. The task force is hereby charged with responsibility to do the following:

27 (1) Coordinate efforts to increase shrimp production and marketability.

28 (2) Provide for the study of the decline in shrimp marketability and market
29 price, provide for the study of the impacts of imported shrimp on the domestic

1 market, assist in the development of a state shrimp inspection program, assist in the
2 development of a Louisiana shrimp certification and branding program, and make
3 recommendations to the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Department of
4 Wildlife and Fisheries, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of
5 Agriculture and Forestry, and the Department of Health and Hospitals for
6 implementation of policies to help enhance the domestic shrimp industry.

7 (3) Make recommendations with respect to issues pertaining to the shrimp
8 industry and shrimp production to the various state agencies charged with
9 responsibility for differing elements of the shrimp industry in this state, including the
10 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Department of Natural Resources, and the
11 Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration, the Department of Health and
12 Hospitals, the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, and the legislature.

13 **(4) Develop markets and marketing strategies for the development and**
14 **expansion of markets for shrimp harvested from Louisiana waters.**

15 **(5) Administer the funds in the Shrimp Marketing and Promotion Fund**
16 **and the "Shrimp Trade Petition Account", which funds shall be used to create**
17 **new markets for shrimp and promote the sale of shrimp harvested from**
18 **Louisiana waters.**

19 **(6) Represent the interests of the Louisiana shrimp industry before**
20 **federal and state administrative and legislative bodies on issues of importance**
21 **to the Louisiana shrimp industry.**

22 **(7) Contract for legal services to represent the interests of the Louisiana**
23 **shrimp industry in judicial, administrative, and legislative proceedings.**

24 **(8) Perform any acts deemed necessary and proper to carry out its duties**
25 **and responsibilities.**

26 F. The activities of the Shrimp Task Force shall be funded through the
27 Shrimp Marketing and Promotion Account ~~of the Seafood Promotion and Marketing~~
28 Fund (R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(b)(i)) and the "Shrimp Trade Petition Account" (R.S.
29 56:10(B)(1)(b)(ii)).

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§578.1. Purposes

Recognizing that the commercial fishing industry in Louisiana has reached an ebb economically, creating an environment which has or could place, not only commercial fishermen, but also wholesale and retail dealers in dire economic straits, which situation could have an extreme economic impact on the state economy as a whole if nothing is done to alleviate the situation, and recognizing that there exist barriers and impediments to the economic well-being of the commercial fishery industry in Louisiana and recognizing that among these barriers and impediments, the virtual void in this state of any cohesive, coordinated and comprehensive seafood promotion and marketing effort and ~~stratagem~~ **stratagem** has a significant negative impact on the seafood industry, the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board in an effort to aid the industry in two vital aspects--product promotion and marketing development.

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§578.2. Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board; creation and organization

A.(1) There is hereby created in the ~~office of fisheries of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries~~ **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 members, thirteen members appointed by the lieutenant governor from persons engaged in the commercial seafood, crawfish and alligator industry in Louisiana and the fourteenth member to be the secretary of the ~~Department of Wildlife and Fisheries~~ **Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism** or his designated representative, who shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member.

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(4) The names of each of the thirteen members appointed by the lieutenant governor shall be submitted to the Senate for confirmation.

1 as he deems necessary and appropriate: The lieutenant governor may appoint an
 2 executive director from a list of nominees submitted by the board. The executive
 3 director shall serve at the pleasure of the lieutenant governor and shall receive
 4 such salary fixed by the lieutenant governor. The executive director shall serve
 5 as the executive and administrative staff of the board and shall discharge all
 6 operational, maintenance, administrative, and executive functions of the board,
 7 subject to the control, jurisdiction, and supervision of the secretary of the
 8 Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. The executive director may
 9 employ such other personnel for the board as he deems necessary and
 10 appropriate, including an assistant director who may be in the unclassified
 11 service, subject to approval by the secretary of the Department of Culture,
 12 Recreation and Tourism.

13 F. * * *

14 (3) At the first regularly scheduled meeting of the board after January 1,
 15 2013, the board shall adopt rules and bylaws which shall be submitted no later than
 16 thirty days after their adoption to the House Committee on ~~Natural Resources and~~
 17 ~~Environment~~ Commerce and the Senate Committee on ~~Natural Resources~~
 18 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs for approval by the
 19 committees. The rules and bylaws shall not go into effect until the committees
 20 approve of such rules and bylaws.

21 §578.3. Powers, duties, and functions

22 The board shall have the following powers, duties, and functions:

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24 (9) To consider and to recommend to the legislature a mechanism whereby
 25 the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing ~~Council~~ Board shall be funded,
 26 including rules and regulations pertinent thereto.

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28 §578.4. Advertising, contracts and sales offices

29 ~~A.~~ The board, working with the approval of the Department of Wildlife and

1 ~~Fisheries~~ **Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism**, shall plan and conduct
 2 a campaign for advertising, publicizing, and promoting the increased consumption
 3 of Louisiana seafood, and may contract for any advertising, publicity, and sales
 4 promotion services. The board, **with the approval of the Department of Culture,**
 5 **Recreation and Tourism**, is further empowered to take any other action which it
 6 deems necessary to promote and to improve the well-being of the commercial
 7 seafood industry. The secretary is hereby authorized and empowered to carry out
 8 any and all contracts entered into by the board.

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10 §578.7. Appropriations; warrants; records

11 Funds made available by the legislature from the Seafood Promotion and
 12 Marketing Fund as provided in R.S. 56:10 or from any other source shall be used
 13 solely for the programs and purposes provided for in this Subpart. The ~~Department~~
 14 ~~of Wildlife and Fisheries~~ **Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism** shall
 15 maintain records of the sources of money received and the purpose therefor, as well
 16 as the person or persons to whom money is paid and the purpose therefor. Vouchers
 17 or receipts shall be kept for all money paid out. Money appropriated or otherwise
 18 made available to the department for authorized purposes shall be withdrawn from
 19 the treasury on warrant of the secretary of the department.

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21 §578.9. Approval of regulations

22 Any regulations promulgated as provided herein shall be submitted to and
 23 approved by the ~~respective legislative standing committees on natural resources~~
 24 **House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce,**
 25 **Consumer Protection, and International Affairs.**

26 Section 3. R.S. 36:610(E) and R.S. 56:578.5, 578.6, 578.8, and 578.12 are hereby
 27 repealed.

28 Section 4. All rules and regulations adopted or permits, licenses, registrations, variances, or
 29 orders issued by the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board prior to the

1 effective date of this Act, shall continue in full force and effect as rules and regulations of
2 the agency within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism until and after the
3 effective date of this Act, unless otherwise revoked, repealed, amended, modified, or
4 terminated in accordance with the law.

5 Section 5. Any legal proceeding, as defined in R.S. 36:924, to which any agency or
6 office, the statutory provisions for which are amended or repealed by the provisions of this
7 Act, is a party and which is filed, initiated, or otherwise pending before any court on the
8 effective date of this Act and all documents involved in or affected by said legal proceeding,
9 shall retain their effectiveness and shall be continued in the name of the former agency. All
10 further legal proceedings and documents in the continuance, disposition, and enforcement
11 of said legal proceedings shall be in the name of the original party agency, and the
12 Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism shall be substituted for the original party
13 agency without the necessity for amendment or any document to substitute the name of the
14 department or the name or title of any subdivision or section of the department. For purposes
15 of this Section, "document" shall be defined as provided in R.S. 36:924.

16 Section 6. All employees heretofore engaged in the performance of functions of the
17 Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board, to the extent the secretary of such
18 department deems necessary to carry out the functions formerly performed, shall insofar as
19 practicable and necessary continue to perform the duties heretofore performed, subject to
20 applicable state civil service laws, rules, and regulations.

21 Section 7. This Act is in no way and is to no extent intended to, nor shall it be
22 construed in any manner which will impair the contractual or other obligations of any
23 agency, office, or department, or of the state of Louisiana, the provisions for which are
24 enacted, amended, or repealed by this Act. It is hereby specifically provided that all
25 obligations of any such agency, office, or department hereafter shall be deemed to be
26 obligations of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, to the same extent as if
27 originally made by it. In like manner and in order to prevent any violation of the provisions,
28 terms, or conditions of any gift, donation, deed, will, trust, or other instrument or disposition
29 by which property of any kind has been vested in any such agency, office, or department,

1 or division from the purposes for which such property was thus vested in any agency, office,
 2 or department, it is hereby specifically provided that such instrument or disposition hereafter
 3 shall be deemed to have been vested in the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
 4 and its secretary shall be the successor in every way to each such agency, including all of the
 5 obligations and debts of each such agency.

6 Section 8. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2013. If vetoed by the governor
 7 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day
 8 following such approval, or July 1, 2013, whichever last occurs.

The original instrument was prepared by McHenry Lee. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Thomas F. Wade.

DIGEST

Chabert (SB 167)

Present law creates the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and provides for the appointment of 13 members of the board by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation.

Proposed law transfers the board from the DW&F to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and provides for appointment of 13 members of the board by the lieutenant governor, subject to Senate confirmation.

Present law requires the board to submit annually to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources a report that describes the accomplishments and contributions of the board toward achieving the mission of promoting Louisiana seafood, and include the budget of the board for that fiscal year and for the following fiscal year. Present law further provides for adoption of rules and bylaws to be submitted to the same committees. Proposed law changes the committees to which the report should be made to the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs. Further provides that the annual management and programmatic analysis report will satisfy the reporting requirement.

Present law authorizes the board to employ a director and assistant director who shall be appointed by the board, subject to the approval of the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries. Further provides that they shall be in the unclassified service. Also authorizes the secretary to employ such other personnel for the board as he deems necessary and appropriate.

Proposed law deletes those provisions and authorizes the lieutenant governor to appoint an executive director from a list of nominees submitted by the board. Provides that the executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the lieutenant governor at a salary fixed by the lieutenant governor. Further provides that the executive director shall serve as the executive and administrative staff of the board and shall discharge all operational, maintenance, administrative, and executive functions of the board, subject to the control, jurisdiction, and supervision of the secretary of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Further authorizes the employment of such other personnel as he deems necessary and appropriate, including an assistant director.

Present law provides generally for the duties and responsibilities of the board with regard to advertising, contracts, sales offices, appropriations, warrants, and maintenance of records subject to approval of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries. Proposed law provides for approval by the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Present law provides that all funds collected by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission are to be paid into the state treasury and credited to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund in an amount sufficient to pay all obligations secured by the full faith and credit of the state due and payable within the fiscal year. Further provides that prior to placing the remaining funds in the state general fund, the funds be paid annually into the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Fund and other funds with certain of those amounts allocated into the Oyster Development Account, the Shrimp Marketing and Promotion Account, and the Crab Promotion and Marketing Account. Proposed law eliminates the accounts and creates in the place three new funds, the Oyster Development Fund, the Shrimp Marketing and Promotion Fund, and the Crab Promotion and Marketing Fund into which the amounts allocated by present law are to be paid.

Present law provides for joint administration of all expenditures and allocations from the Oyster Development Account within the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Fund by the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board and the Louisiana Oyster Task Force. Proposed law provides that the monies in the Oyster Development Fund shall be administered only by the Louisiana Oyster Task Force. Further authorizes the task force to contract with the board to promote the Louisiana oyster industry.

Present law provides for joint administration of all expenditures and allocations from the Shrimp Marketing and Promotion Account within the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Fund by the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board and the Louisiana Shrimp Task Force. Proposed law provides that the monies in the Shrimp Marketing and Promotion Fund shall be administered only by the Louisiana Shrimp Task Force. Further authorizes the task force to contract with the board to promote the Louisiana shrimp industry.

Present law provides for joint administration of all expenditures and allocations from the Crab Promotion and Marketing Account within the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Fund by the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board and the Crab Task Force. Proposed law provides that the monies in the Crab Promotion and Marketing Fund shall be administered only by the Crab Task Force. Further authorizes the task force to contract with the board to promote the Louisiana crab industry.

Present law provides that monies in the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Fund shall be used by the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board to implement the duties and functions of that board relating to the promotion and marketing of seafood in the amounts appropriated each year to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries by the legislature for the use by the board. Proposed law provides for appropriation of those monies to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Present law requires the Oyster Task Force to do the following:

- (1) Monitor water quality and management requirements of the state's molluscan shellfish propagating areas.
- (2) Coordinate efforts to increase oyster production and salability.
- (3) Study decline in molluscan shellfish salability, degradation of water quality which could adversely affect consumer health, and reasons for such declines and degradations, and make recommendations to resolve such problems.
- (4) Make recommendations relative to issues pertaining to the oyster industry and oyster production to the various state agencies charged with responsibility for differing

elements of the oyster industry in this state, including the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Dept. of Natural Resources, and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, the Dept. of Health and Hospitals, the governor's executive assistant for coastal activities, and the legislature.

Proposed law adds to those duties the following:

- (1) Employ such personnel as necessary.
- (2) Develop markets and marketing strategies for development of new and expanded markets for Louisiana oysters.
- (3) Represent the interests of the Louisiana oyster industry before federal and state administrative and legislative bodies on issues of importance to the Louisiana oyster industry.
- (4) Contract for legal services to represent the interests of the Louisiana oyster industry in judicial, administrative, and legislative proceedings.
- (5) Administer the funds in the Oyster Development Fund.
- (6) Perform any acts deemed necessary and proper to carry out its duties and responsibilities.

Present law requires the Louisiana Shrimp Task Force to do the following:

- (1) Coordinate efforts to increase shrimp production and marketability.
- (2) Provide for the study of the decline in shrimp marketability and market price, provide for the study of the impacts of imported shrimp on the domestic market, assist in the development of a state shrimp inspection program, assist in the development of a Louisiana shrimp certification and branding program, and make recommendations to the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Dept. of Natural Resources, the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, and the Dept. of Health and Hospitals for implementation of policies to help enhance the domestic shrimp industry.
- (3) Make recommendations with respect to issues pertaining to the shrimp industry and shrimp production to the various state agencies charged with responsibility for differing elements of the shrimp industry in this state, including the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Dept. of Natural Resources, and the Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration, the Dept. of Health and Hospitals, the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, and the legislature.

Proposed law adds to those duties the following:

- (1) Develop markets and marketing strategies for the development and expansion of markets for shrimp harvested from Louisiana waters.
- (2) Administer the funds in the Shrimp Marketing and Promotion Fund and the "Shrimp Trade Petition Account", which funds shall be used to create new markets for shrimp and promote the sale of shrimp harvested from Louisiana waters.
- (3) Represent the interests of the Louisiana shrimp industry before federal and state administrative and legislative bodies on issues of importance to the Louisiana shrimp industry.

- (4) Contract for legal services to represent the interests of the Louisiana shrimp industry in judicial, administrative, and legislative proceedings.
- (5) Perform any acts deemed necessary and proper to carry out its duties and responsibilities.

Proposed law provides transitional provisions regarding rules and regulations, pending legal proceedings, and continuation of performance of duties by employees currently engaged by the board.

Effective July 1, 2013.

(Amends R.S. 36:802.5, and R.S. 56:10(B)(1)(a)(ii), (b)(i) and (ii), (e), (3) and (D), 421(E) and (F), 494(E) and (F), 578.1, 578.2(A)(1) and (4), (B), (D)(2), (E) and (F)(3), 578.3(9), 578.4, 578.7, and 578.9; adds R.S. 36:209(Y); and repeals R.S. 36:610(E) and R.S. 56:578.5, 578.6, 578.8, and 578.12)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

- 1. Requires the approval of CRT before the board can plan or conduct a campaign relative to the consumption of seafood or promote or improve the commercial seafood industry.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

- 1. Changed accounts existing within the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Fund under present law to separate funds.
- 2. Replaced joint administration of the accounts by the board and the task forces with sole administration by each task force.
- 3. Provided additional duties and responsibilities for the task forces.
- 4. Changed the appointing authority for the 13 appointed members of the board from the governor to the lieutenant governor.
- 5. Changed the oversight committees from those with natural resources jurisdiction to those with commerce jurisdiction.
- 6. Changes effective date to July 1, 2013.
- 7. Technical amendments.