

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 503

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARMES

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 36:601(A) and R.S. 56:1(C) and (D), relative to the Wildlife and
3 Fisheries Commission; to provide relative to the membership of the commission; to
4 provide for appointment and terms of office; to provide an effective date; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 36:601(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §601. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

9 A. The control and supervision of the wildlife of the state, including all
10 aquatic life, is vested in the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. The
11 commission shall be in the executive branch and shall consist of seven members
12 appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. Six of the
13 members shall serve for overlapping terms of six years, and one shall serve for a
14 term concurrent with that of the governor. Three members shall be electors of the
15 coastal parishes and representatives of the commercial fishing and fur industries, two
16 members shall be electors appointed at large from the parishes located north of a line
17 created by the northern boundary of the parishes of Beauregard, Allen, Evangeline,
18 Avoyelles, and Pointe Coupee, and ~~four~~ two shall be electors from the state at large
19 other than representatives of the commercial fishing and fur industries, as provided
20 by law. No member who has served six years or more shall be eligible for
21 reappointment.

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23 Section 2. R.S. 56:1(C) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
24 follows:

1 §1. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission established; membership; qualifications;
2 definitions

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4 C. Three members of the commission shall be electors of the coastal parishes
5 and representatives of the commercial fishing and fur industries. Two members shall
6 be electors appointed at large from the parishes located north of a line created by the
7 northern boundary of the parishes of Beauregard, Allen, Evangeline, Avoyelles, and
8 Pointe Coupee. The other ~~four~~ two members shall be electors from the state at large,
9 other than representatives of the commercial fishing and fur industries.

10 D. The members of the commission ~~commissioners heretofore appointed~~
11 ~~under the provisions of Article VI, Section 1 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1921~~
12 ~~and presently serving as commissioners~~ on January 1, 2015, shall continue to serve
13 for the terms for which appointed. Thereafter, any vacancy occurring in the
14 commission by reason of the expiration of the term for which appointed or by reason
15 of death, resignation, or otherwise shall be filled by appointment by the governor;
16 however, persons appointed to fill the vacancy created by a retiring or deceased
17 commissioner shall be appointed for the unexpired term of such commissioner only.

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19 Section 3. The provisions of this Act shall become effective if, as, and when the
20 proposed amendment to the Louisiana Constitution proposed by the Act which originated
21 as House Bill No. 426 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature is adopted at a
22 statewide election and becomes effective.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____