

Regular Session, 2013  
HOUSE BILL NO. 503  
BY REPRESENTATIVE ARMES

# ACT No. 198

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.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_