

Regular Session, 2013

# ACT No. 437

HOUSE BILL NO. 426

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARMES

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

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## A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article IX, Section 7(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide relative to the membership of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; to provide relative to members of such commission; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article IX, Section 7(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

### §7. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Section 7.(A) Members; Terms. The control and supervision of the wildlife of the state, including all aquatic life, is vested in the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. The commission shall be in the executive branch and shall consist of seven members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. Six members shall serve overlapping terms of six years, and one member shall serve a term concurrent with that of the governor. Three members shall be electors of the coastal parishes and representatives of the commercial fishing and fur industries, two members shall be electors appointed at large from the parishes located north of a line created by the northern boundary of the parishes of Beauregard, Allen, Evangeline, Avoyelles, and Pointe Coupee, and ~~four~~ two members shall be electors from the state at large other than representatives of the

1 commercial fishing and fur industries, as provided by law. No member who has  
2 served six years or more shall be eligible for reappointment.

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4 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
5 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,  
6 2014.

7 Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,  
8 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted  
9 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as  
10 follows:

11 Do you support an amendment to require that two members of the Wildlife  
12 and Fisheries Commission be electors from parishes located north of the  
13 parishes of Beauregard, Allen, Evangeline, Avoyelles, and Pointe Coupee?  
14 (Effective January 1, 2015) (Amends Article IX, Section 7(A))

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE