

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 296** SLS 26RS 624

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission	

WILDLIFE/FISHERIES DEPT EG +\$2,752 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
Increases the membership of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. (See Act)

Present law provides that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission consists of seven members to be appointed by the governor. Proposed law increases the membership from (7) seven to (9) nine members. Proposed law clarifies that these nine members shall be appointed by the governor, six shall be electors from the state at large, and three members shall be electors of the coastal parishes and representatives of the commercial fishing and fur industries. Proposed law provides that six members shall serve overlapping terms of six years and three members shall serve a term concurrent with that of the governor. Proposed law provides that no member that has served for six or more years shall be eligible for reappointment.

Contingent upon voter approval of the constitutional amendment proposed in SB 249 of the 2026 RS on November 3, 2026.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$2,752	\$2,752	\$2,752	\$2,752	\$2,752	\$13,760
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$2,752</b>	<b>\$2,752</b>	<b>\$2,752</b>	<b>\$2,752</b>	<b>\$2,752</b>	<b>\$13,760</b>

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

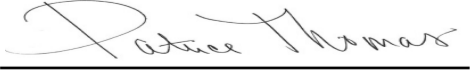
The proposed law increases SGF expenditures associated with travel reimbursements and per diems for the new commissioners. Adding two members to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, these members will be eligible to receive travel reimbursement of \$0.70 per mile, along with a \$25 per diem per meeting. For illustrative purposes, in FY 25, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) reimbursed \$9,634 for the seven commission members, or approximately \$1,376 per member. This would result in an approximate increase of \$2,752 annually. LDWF reports that it will absorb these costs and any additional administrative duties using existing staff and resources.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

  
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