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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Decreases the membership of the La. Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission.

Present law provides that the La. Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission is composed of 11 members.

Proposed law reduces the composition from 11 members to nine members.

Present law provides that 10 members of the commission are appointed by the commissioner of agriculture and forestry.

Proposed law reduces the number of members appointed by the commissioner from 10 to eight.

Present law mandates that the commissioner or his designee is the eleventh member of the commission.

Proposed law modifies present law by specifying that the commissioner or his designee will be the ninth member of the commission.

Present law provides that four of the 10 members be practical sweet potato growers.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the internal reference to the number of members appointed by the commissioner from 10 to eight. Retains present law otherwise.

Present law requires four members of the commission be handlers or shippers of sweet potatoes.

Proposed law reduces the number of members that must be handlers or shippers of sweet potatoes from four members to three.

Present law requires that two members of the commission be commercial processors.

Proposed law reduces the number of commercial processor members from two to one.

(Amends R.S. 3:1743(A))