

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 249

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WILDLIFE/FISHERIES DEPT. Constitutional amendment to add two members to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. (2/3-CA13s1(A))

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article IX, Section 7(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the membership of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; to add two members to the commission; to provide relative to members of the commission; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

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, 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~~ **nine** members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. Six members shall serve overlapping terms of six years, and ~~one member~~ **three members** shall serve a term concurrent with that of the governor.

1 Three members shall be electors of the coastal parishes and representatives of the
2 commercial fishing and fur industries, and ~~four~~ six shall be electors from the state
3 at large other than representatives of the commercial fishing and fur industries, as
4 provided by law. No member who has served six years or more shall be eligible for
5 reappointment.

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7 Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to
8 the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 3,
9 2026.

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

14 Do you support an amendment to increase the membership of the Louisiana
15 Wildlife and Fisheries Commission from seven members to nine?
16 (Amends Article IX, Section 7(A))

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Present constitution establishes the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission with seven members. Specifies the representation for the membership and the length of the term of office.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution but increases the membership from seven to nine.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 3, 2026.

(Amends Const. Art. IX, Sec. 7(A))