
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the Liquefied Petroleum Commission to enter into a cooperative endeavor with the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry for market development and promotion and provides for the appointment of members to the advisory board and procedures for advisory board meetings.

Present law establishes a Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission and authorizes the commission to levy assessments on Class I, Class IV, and Class VI permit holders.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides for authorized uses of the assessment proceeds collected by the commission, including market development and promotion activities.

Proposed law authorizes the commission to enter into cooperative endeavor agreements with the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry for the market development and promotion activities required under present law.

Present law requires the commission to establish an advisory board.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires that one advisory board member be appointed from each commission inspector's area and that two members be appointed at large.

Proposed law removes present law and provides that the executive director of the commission may appoint one member of the commission to serve on the board.

Present law requires that each board member hold a Class I, IV, or VI permit.

Proposed law also allows board members to have work experience in the industry instead of a permit.

Present law requires that each class of permit subject to assessments be represented by two board members.

Proposed law only requires one board member from each permit class.

Proposed law further provides that meetings of the board may be held in person or via electronic means and requires that they be advertised as required by the Open Meetings Law.

Proposed law establishes that 50% of the members of the board constitutes a quorum for board meetings and allows a board member that cannot attend to send a proxy if they provide the chairperson written notice 24 hours before the meeting.

(Amends R.S. 40:1851(E)(1) and (F))