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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Reduces the term of state water bottom oyster leases and lease renewals from 15 years to five years.

Present law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to lease state water bottoms for the taking of oysters and provides procedures and terms for such leases.

Present law establishes that the term for each oyster lease and lease renewal is 15 years.

Proposed law reduces the term of oyster leases on state water bottoms from 15 years to five years.

Proposed law will only apply to leases executed or renewed after the effective date of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 56:428(A) and (B))