

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 296

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

WILDLIFE/FISHERIES DEPT. Increases the membership of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. (See Act)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 36:601(A) and R.S. 56:1(B) and (C), relative to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission; to provide for the membership of the commission; to increase the number of members of the commission; to provide for terms; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 36:601(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§601. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

A. 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 for overlapping terms of six years, and ~~one member~~ **three members** shall serve for a term concurrent with that of the governor. Three members shall be electors of the coastal parishes and representatives of the commercial fishing and fur industries, and ~~four~~ **six** shall be electors from the state at large other than representatives of the commercial fishing and fur industries as provided by law. No member who has

