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DIGEST

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Present law provides that the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and all statutory entities made a part of that department by law begin to terminate their operations on July 1, 2026, and that all legislative authority for such entities must cease as of July 1, 2027, unless the legislature enacts a bill authorizing the re-creation of the department and its statutory entities prior thereto.

Proposed law provides for the general re-creation of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and its statutory entities, effective June 30, 2026, in accordance with the "sunset" law.

Proposed law supersedes the provisions of the "sunset" law which requires a separate bill to re-create each statutory entity within the department.

Proposed law makes July 1, 2031, the new termination date and termination would begin July 1, 2030, unless the department is re-created again.

Effective June 30, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 49:191(3)(b); repeals R.S. 49:191(1)(k))