
DIGEST

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HB 663 Engrossed

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Abstract: Modifies the membership and reduces the size of the board of commissioners of the Delta Economic Research and Sustainability District.

Present law creates the board of commissioners (board) of the Delta Economic Research and Sustainability District consisting of 26 members from various entities within the district and from outside.

Proposed law reduces the membership of the board by eliminating the following seats on the board:

- (1) The commissioner of agriculture and forestry or his designee.
- (2) The president of the La. State University System or his designee.
- (3) The president of the La. Farm Bureau Federation or his designee as a nonvoting ex officio member.
- (4) The president of the La. Cotton and Grain Assoc. or his designee as a nonvoting ex officio member.
- (5) The chair of the La. Public Transit Assoc. as a nonvoting ex officio member.

Proposed law adds the executive director of the La. State University Center for Energy Studies as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the board.

(Amends R.S. 3:342(A)(intro. para.) and (10)-(24) and (B)(2); Repeals R.S. 3:342(A)(2), (25), and (26))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development to the original bill:

1. Remove the commissioner of agriculture and forestry or his designee as a member of the board of commissioners.
2. Remove the chair of the La. Public Transit Assoc. as a nonvoting ex officio member.