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Abstract: Decreases the membership of the La. Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the La. Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission is composed of 11 members.

Proposed law reduces the composition from 11 members to nine members.

<u>Present law</u> provides that 10 members of the commission are appointed by the commissioner of agriculture and forestry.

<u>Proposed law</u> reduces the number of members appointed by the commissioner <u>from</u> 10 to eight.

<u>Present law</u> mandates that the commissioner or his designee is the eleventh member of the commission.

<u>Proposed law</u> modifies <u>present law</u> by specifying that the commissioner or his designee will be the ninth member of the commission.

Present law provides that four of the 10 members be practical sweet potato growers.

<u>Proposed law</u> modifies <u>present law</u> by changing the internal reference to the number of members appointed by the commissioner <u>from</u> 10 <u>to</u> eight. Retains <u>present law</u> otherwise.

Present law requires four members of the commission be handlers or shippers of sweet potatoes.

<u>Proposed law</u> reduces the number of members that must be handlers or shippers of sweet potatoes from four members to three.

<u>Present law</u> requires that two members of the commission be commercial processors.

Proposed law reduces the number of commercial processor members from two to one.

(Amends R.S. 3:1743(A))