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Abstract: Abolishes the South La. Wetlands Discovery Center Commission.

<u>Present law</u> creates the South La. Wetlands Discovery Center as a tourist center to be located in Terrebonne Parish and creates the South La. Wetlands Discovery Center Commission in the parish.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the commission consists of:

- (1) Three members appointed by the Terrebonne Parish Council from six names submitted by Friends of South La. Wetlands Discovery Center Foundation.
- (2) One member appointed by the Terrebonne Parish president.
- One member appointed by the senator elected to represent the 20th senatorial district from two names submitted by Nicholls State University.
- One member appointed by the senator elected to represent the 21st senatorial district from two names submitted by L.E. Fletcher Community College.
- One member appointed by the representative elected to represent the 51st representative district from two names submitted by the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program.
- One member appointed by the representative elected to represent the 52nd representative district from two names submitted by the Terrebonne Levee Board.
- (7) One member appointed by the representative elected to represent the 53rd representative district from two names submitted by the Houma Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Present law authorizes the commission to:

- (1) Seek and expend funds from any source, public or private, to support programs of the center.
- (2) Authorize reports and recommendations which include the issuance, publication, or distribution of general information documents or pamphlets.
- (3) Acquire and use any property necessary or desirable for carrying out the purposes of <u>present</u> <u>law</u> and sell, lease as lessor, transfer, and dispose of any such property.

(4) Acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise construct, develop, maintain, and operate the center.

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals <u>present law</u> in its entirety.

(Repeals R.S. 25:1311 - 1316)