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## DIGEST

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HB 251 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the membership of the state soil and water conservation commission and who performs audits for all of the commissions districts.

Present law specifies that the commission shall consist of eight members.

Proposed law increases the membership of the commission from eight to nine members.

Present law specifies that the chancellor of the Louisiana State University Agriculture Center is a member of the state soil and water conservation commission.

Proposed law modifies present law by replacing the chancellor of the Louisiana State University Agriculture Center with the Louisiana State University Vice President for Agriculture and Dean of the College of Agriculture or its successor.

Proposed law adds the vice chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Center to the list of automatically appointed members to the commission.

Present law requires audits at least once every four years for all districts within the state soil and water conservation commission to be performed by the audit and evaluation section of the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry and filed with the legislative auditor.

Proposed law modifies present law by removing the requirement that the audit be performed by the audit and evaluation section of the Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry.

(Amends R.S. 3:1204(A)(1)(a)(intro. para.) and (C)(3))

### 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. Increase the membership of the state soil and water commission from eight to nine members.
2. Allow the successor of the position of LSU Vice-President of Agriculture and Dean of the College of Agriculture to automatically become a member of the state soil and water

commission.

3. Add the vice chancellor of the Southern University Agricultural Center to the state soil and water commission.
4. Make a technical change.