HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 251   **2016 Regular Session**   **Chaney**

AGRICULTURE: Provides relative to the state soil and water conservation commission

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Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1.   Specifies that the complete audit of the accounts of receipts and disbursements that the soil and water conservation commission files with the legislative auditor once every four years must be done pursuant to and in accordance with present law.

2.   Make technical changes.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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 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 of the accounts of receipts and disbursements and 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 requiring the audit to cover the accounts of receipts and disbursements of all districts.

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

Proposed law requires the audits filed with the legislative auditor to be filed pursuant to and in accordance with present law (R.S. 24:513).

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