

**SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2016 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 805 by Representative Broadwater

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete line 3 and insert

3 "33:9109.2 and R.S. 45:803, relative to emergency communications and public  
4 safety; to provide relative to communications districts; to provide relative to the levy  
5 of an"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 2

7 On page 1, line 7, after "fees;" insert "to create the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board and  
8 provide for its powers, duties, composition, members, and procedures;"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 9, after line 25, insert

11 "Section 2. R.S. 45:803 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 "§803. Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board; members; duties

13 A. There is hereby created the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board. The board  
14 shall be domiciled in Baton Rouge.

15 B. Purpose. The purpose of the Board is to oversee development and  
16 operation of emergency 9-1-1 systems within the state of Louisiana.

17 C. Duties. The duties of the board shall be to:

18 (1) Secure resources for the creation, operation, expansion, and cooperative  
19 undertaking of local public safety answering points.

20 (2) Facilitate information-sharing among public safety answering points.

21 (3) Create and maintain best practices databases for public safety  
22 answering-point operations.

23 (4) Encourage equipment and technology sharing among small jurisdictions.

24 (5) Take steps to expand enhanced wire-line nine-one-one service to every  
25 telephone user in the state.

26 (6) Assist public-safety answering points in implementing wireless  
27 technology.

28 (7) Provide a clearinghouse of contact information for all telephone  
29 companies operating in the state and contact information and nine-one-one fees  
30 charged in each jurisdiction.

31 (8) Respond to data requests of the Federal Communications Commission  
32 ("FCC") in connection with 9-1-1 operations and fees.

33 (9) Develop training program standards for nine-one-one call takers.

34 (10) Take other action as necessary and proper to implement the provisions  
35 of this Section, including but not limited to, the adoption of rules in accordance with  
36 the Administrative Procedure Act to provide for the duties and functions of the  
37 board.

38 D. Members. The board shall be composed of thirteen members appointed  
39 by the governor. The members shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate.

40 (1) Members shall serve for terms of four years which shall be concurrent  
41 with the term of the governor making the appointments. Each member shall continue  
42 to serve until his or her successor is appointed and takes office. A vacancy occurring  
43 for any reason shall be filled in the same manner provided for appointment of the  
44 membership vacated. Members shall serve without compensation.

45 (2) The members shall consist of:

1           (a) Seven members from a list of names recommended by the Louisiana  
2 Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials.

3           (b) Four members who are representatives of telecommunications carriers  
4 from a list of names recommended by the Cellular Telephone Industries Association  
5 ("CTIA").

6           (c) One member from a list of names recommended by incumbent local  
7 exchange carriers operating in Louisiana.

8           (d) One member from a list of names recommended by cable companies that  
9 provide interconnected VoIP services in Louisiana.

10           E. Meetings.

11           (1) All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the open meetings  
12 and public records laws. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a  
13 quorum, and a majority thereof may act on any matter within the jurisdiction of the  
14 board.

15           (2) The board shall hold its first meeting not more than thirty days after  
16 appointment of all initial members has been completed. At its first meeting, a  
17 chairman, vice-chairman, and other officers as considered necessary shall be elected.  
18 Officers shall be elected for terms of one year and annually thereafter. There shall  
19 be no prohibition against officers succeeding themselves. The board shall also adopt  
20 rules of procedure and may also appoint committees as deemed necessary.  
21 Thereafter, the board may meet as often as it deems necessary, but shall meet at least  
22 four times per year.