

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 995

BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:31.33(A)(1) and to enact R.S. 40:31.33(C) and (D), relative to the safe drinking water administration fee; to increase the fee on community water systems; to increase the portion retained by community water systems for administrative costs; to establish the method of collection of the fee; to provide for the use of the collected fees; to provide for an official designation of the fee; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:31.33(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:31.33(C) and (D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

§31.33. Safe drinking water ~~administration~~ fee; exemptions

A.(1) ~~In order to comply with the provisions of R.S. 40:5.6 and the federal Safe Drinking Water Act,~~ The department shall charge an annual fee of ~~three~~ twelve dollars ~~and twenty cents~~ per metered connection or account for community systems. The fee shall be collected from each consumer by the community system provider in not less than quarterly installments and remitted to the department, in quarterly payments minus ~~thirty-two cents~~ five percent per metered connection or account to be retained by the community system provider for administrative costs for the collection of ~~such~~ the fee.

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1                    C. The funds remitted to the department pursuant to Subsections A and B of  
2                    this Section shall be used for the following purposes:

3                    (1) To comply with the provisions of R.S. 40:5.6 and the federal Safe  
4                    Drinking Water Act.

5                    (2) To offset the annual costs of the Louisiana Rural Water Association in  
6                    an amount not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars.

7                    (3) To fund up to forty additional sanitarian positions within the department  
8                    based upon the number of sanitarian positions funded by the department on July 1,  
9                    2016.

10                  D. The fee collected pursuant to Subsections A and B of this Section shall  
11                  be known as the "Safe Drinking Water Fee".

12                  Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2017.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_