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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Relative to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, changes the qualifications of board members and requires the board to make reports relative to its facilities during certain weather related events.

Present law (R.S. 33:4071) establishes the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans. Provides for the composition of the board as follows:

- (1) The mayor.
- (2) Two syndicate members of the board of liquidation, city debt, to be appointed by the mayor on the recommendation of the board of liquidation, city debt.
- (3) Eight citizens, to be appointed by the mayor, with the advice and consent of the city council from a list of nominees submitted by the sewerage and water board selection committee.

Present law requires that at least two of the appointed members be consumer advocates with community advocacy or consumer protection experience or experience in a related field.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires that two of the appointed members be retired civil engineers or retired experts in water management.

Present law requires the board, on or before May 1st each year, to make to the city council, in writing, a full and detailed report of its acts, doings, receipts, and expenditures. Further requires the board to report quarterly to the city council relative to the contracts let in the construction and repair of its public systems of water, sewerage, and drainage as well as its operations. Provides relative to the content of the reports.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires the board to send a report, by email, to the members of the city council as well as the members of the Orleans Parish legislative delegation detailing the pumping and electrical power of its facilities and the available manpower no later than 24 hours prior to a hurricane entering the Gulf of Mexico as determined by the National Weather Service and no later than 48 hours after a flood watch or warning or thunderstorm watch or warning is issued by the National Weather Service.

(Amends R.S. 33:4071(A)(1)(d); Adds R.S. 33:4091(D))