

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 97

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

CAPITAL OUTLAY: Removes certain limitations on the exemption from local match requirements for certain rural water system projects

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:112(E)(2)(c), relative to capital outlay; to provide with
3 respect to local match requirements for projects by non-state entities; to provide for
4 certain limitations; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; and
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 39:112(E)(2)(c) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §112. Capital outlay act

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12 (2) Non-state entity projects shall require a match of not less than twenty-
13 five percent of the total requested amount of funding except:

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15 (c) A project for a rural water system servicing less than one thousand two
16 hundred and fifty customers ~~to extend or connect waterlines to other water systems.~~

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18 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be applicable to the funding of all projects
19 included in the capital outlay budget for fiscal years commencing on and after July 1, 2020.

1 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the limitation that a project must extend or connect waterlines to other water systems and increases the number of customers a rural water system may service in order to be exempt from the local match requirement in the capital outlay program.

Present law requires the governor to submit his capital outlay budget which implements the first year of the five-year capital outlay program and the bond authorization bill for the sale of bonds to fund projects included in the bond portion of the capital outlay bill to the legislature no later than the eighth day of each regular session.

Present law requires nonstate entities applying for capital outlay funding to provide a match of not less than 25% of the total requested funding amount with the following exceptions:

- (1) Projects deemed to be an emergency by the commissioner.
- (2) Projects for which a nonstate entity has demonstrated its inability to provide a local match.
- (3) Projects for rural water systems servicing less than 1,000 customers to extend or connect waterlines to other water systems.

Proposed law removes the limitation that in order for a rural water system project to be exempt from its local match requirement, the project must extend or connect waterlines to other water systems and increases the number of customers a rural water system may service from 1,000 to 1,250 in order to be eligible for the local match requirement.

Applicable to the funding of all nonstate entity projects included in the capital outlay budget for fiscal years commencing on and after July 1, 2020.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 39:112(E)(2)(c))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the original bill:

1. Increase the number of customers a rural water system may service from 1,000 to 1,250 in order to be exempt from the local match requirement.