
DIGEST

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HB 392 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides that certain employees of communications districts may be considered first responders.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of any parish to create communications districts composed of territory lying within the parish. Provides for the establishment of the number 911 as the primary emergency telephone number for use in communications districts and for the identification of all streets, roads, highways, and dwelling places in the districts. Provides that the districts are political subdivisions of the state and are generally governed by a seven-member board of commissioners. Provides that the Jefferson Parish communications district is governed by the parish governing authority.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law authorizes the governing board to employ employees, experts, and consultants as it may deem necessary to assist the commission in the discharge of its responsibilities to the extent that funds are made available.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally provides that district employees who are emergency public safety telecommunicators who provide communications support services for an agency by responding to requests for assistance in emergencies may be considered first responders.

(Amends R.S. 33:9103(D) and 9124(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Make bill applicable to employees who are emergency public safety telecommunicators rather than emergency response operators or emergency services dispatchers.
2. Make bill permissive rather than mandatory.
3. Remove definition of first responder.