

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 358

BY REPRESENTATIVE LACOMBE

DISTRICTS/WATERWORKS: Provides relative to the membership of the governing board of Waterworks District No. 1 of Pointe Coupee Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:3812(J) and 3813(C)(8), relative to Waterworks District No. 1 of Pointe  
3 Coupee Parish; to provide relative to the membership of the district's governing  
4 board; to provide relative to the appointment of board members; to provide for terms;  
5 to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
7 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
8 Louisiana.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 33:3812(J) and 3813(C)(8) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §3812. Waterworks commissioners; qualifications

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13 J. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, the  
14 membership of the governing board of Waterworks District No. 1 of Pointe Coupee  
15 Parish shall be as provided by R.S. 33:3813(C)(8).

16 §3813. Appointments of waterworks commissioners; terms; vacancies

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18 C.

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1           (8) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the  
 2           governing authority of the parish of Pointe Coupee may provide, by ordinance, for  
 3           the membership of the governing board of Waterworks District No. 1 of Pointe  
 4           Coupee Parish. Any such ordinance shall provide that the members of the governing  
 5           board shall be appointed by the parish governing authority. Members of the  
 6           governing board shall serve at the pleasure of the parish governing authority.

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

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the appointment and terms of the members of the governing board of Pointe Coupee Parish Waterworks District No. 1.

Present law, relative to waterworks districts, provides generally that the districts are governed by a board of five members, to be known as waterworks commissioners.

Present law provides that if one municipality, or any part of a municipality, is included in the district, the board of commissioners shall have eight members, one of the additional members to be appointed by the police jury and the remaining two to be appointed by the governing authority of the municipality. Provides that if two municipalities, or parts of municipalities, are included, each municipal governing authority shall be entitled to appoint one member and the police jury shall be entitled to appoint two additional members. If more than two municipalities are included, the two municipalities having the largest population within the district appoint the two members representing the municipalities and the police jury appoints two additional members.

Present law includes special provisions for the membership of various waterworks districts.

Proposed law retains present law but provides an exception for Pointe Coupee Parish. Authorizes the parish governing authority to provide, by ordinance, for the membership of the governing board of Waterworks District No. 1. Requires that the ordinance provide that members are appointed by the parish governing authority. Further requires that members serve at the pleasure of the parish governing authority.

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

(Adds R.S. 33:3812(J) and 3813(C)(8))