
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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Substitute for Original House Bill No. 373 by Representative DeVillier as proposed by the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs

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To enact R.S. 45:1604, relative to water cooperatives; to prohibit cooperatives from denying certain requests for water service; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 45:1604 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1604. Requirement to provide service

No water cooperative shall arbitrarily deny a request for water service to a properly permitted residential or commercial structure that is located within the cooperative's service area. This Section does not prohibit a cooperative from discontinuing water service to a customer who fails to pay service charges or for other just cause. Notwithstanding R.S. 45:1603, this Section applies to all water cooperatives.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits water cooperatives from arbitrarily denying requests for water service.

Present law defines a water cooperative as a nonprofit water utility cooperative or corporation that is wholly owned by water user members.

Proposed law prohibits a water cooperative from denying a request for water service to a properly permitted residential or commercial structure that is located within the cooperative's service area. Proposed law does not prohibit discontinuing service to a customer for a just cause.

(Adds R.S. 45:1604)