

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 656 (Substitute for House Bill No. 373 by Representative DeVillier)

BY REPRESENTATIVE DEVILLIER

1 AN ACT

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

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

7 §1604. Requirement to provide service

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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