

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 490

BY SENATOR CATHEY

UTILITIES. Provides relative to underground utilities and facilities. (8/1/24)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1749.21(B) and enact R.S. 40:1749.19(C), relative to regional notification centers; to provide for distribution of information from regional notification centers; to authorize certain municipal or parish governments which own or operate a drainage system, sewer system, or water or water system to become a member of, participate in, or share the cost of a regional notification center; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1749.21(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1749.19(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1749.19. Voluntary participation by incorporated municipalities and parish governments

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C. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, each municipality or parish government which owns or operates in its own right, or through a special district or districts created pursuant to law, a drainage system, a sewer system, water, or a water system within its local jurisdiction and

governing authority relative to certain excavation or demolition of underground utilities and facilities.

Proposed law requires that notification center furnish this information to governing authorities.

Present law provides that failure of the governing authority to distribute the information shall not for that reason alone create any liability on the part of the governing authority or permittee nor otherwise reduce or limit the duties and responsibilities of excavators or demolishers.

Proposed law provides that failure to furnish this information does not for that reason alone create any liability on the part of the governing authority or permittee nor otherwise reduce or limit the duties and responsibilities of excavators or demolishers.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amend R.S. 40:1749.21(B); adds R.S. 40:1749.19(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Requires municipalities or parish government that owns a drainage system, a sewer system, or a water system to become a member of, participate in or share cost in a regional notification center.