

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 111

BY SENATOR CATHEY

MUNICIPALITIES. To urge and request the village of Downsville to consolidate its municipal water system.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the village of Downsville to consolidate its municipal water system.

3 WHEREAS, efficient water systems are a cornerstone of modern society and are
4 essential for environmental protection, human health, public health and safety; and

5 WHEREAS, a municipality may consolidate its water system to achieve various
6 benefits, including cost savings, improved infrastructure and operational efficiency; and

7 WHEREAS, consolidation of water systems is typically required when public water
8 systems fail to meet water quality standards or have insufficient water supply; and

9 WHEREAS, low water pressure can stem from various issues, including municipal
10 supply problems, clogged or corroded pipes, and even peak demand during certain times of
11 day; and

12 WHEREAS, low water pressure can lead to several serious dangers, primarily related
13 to contamination and public health; and

14 WHEREAS, low water pressure during a fire can severely hinder firefighting efforts;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, fire suppression testing ensures that a fire suppression system is
17 operational and safe; and

18 WHEREAS, recent fire suppression tests conducted in the village of Downsville have

1 resulted in very alarming results; and

2 WHEREAS, these tests have demonstrated that there was not enough water pressure
3 at a local school for the sprinkler system to put out a fire; and

4 WHEREAS, the tests revealed that the water pressure was found to be below the
5 standard for human consumption required by the Louisiana Department of Health office of
6 public health; and

7 WHEREAS, the local fire department recently tried to obtain a fire rating
8 certification, and the hydrants could not be tested due to the lack of water flow; and

9 WHEREAS, there is a very serious public health and safety issue in the village of
10 Downsville as a result of the substandard conditions of the water system.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
12 does hereby urge and request the village of Downsville to consolidate their municipal water
13 system.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
15 mayor of the village of Downsville.

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of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.
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Requests the village of Downsville to consolidate its municipal water system.