

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 111

BY SENATOR CATHEY

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, recent fire suppression tests conducted in the village of Downsville have resulted in very alarming results; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE