

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 235

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

SEWERAGE: Authorizes a person to install an individual sewer treatment system in certain circumstances

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1281.27, relative to sewerage systems; to provide for the installation of  
3 individual sewerage systems in certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to  
4 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1281.27 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1281.27. Authorization to install an individual sewerage system

8 A. A person may install and operate an individual sewerage system and is  
9 not required to connect to a community sewerage system unless the community  
10 sewerage system is owned by a city, parish, or other municipality of this state or  
11 local ordinances require connection to a community sewerage system.

12 B. For the purposes of this Section:

13 (1) "Community sewerage system" means any sewerage system which serves  
14 multiple connections and may consist of systems to collect, transport, and treat  
15 sewerage.

16 (2) "Individual sewerage system" means a collection of systems to collect,  
17 transport, and treat sewerage located on the property where the sewerage originates.

18 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
19 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
20 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
21 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
22 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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HB 235 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes a person to install an individual sewerage system despite the presence of community sewerage system unless the community sewerage system is owned by a municipality of this state.

Proposed law provides that a person shall not be required to connect to community sewerage system and may install and operate an individual sewerage system unless the community sewerage system is owned by a municipality of this state or a local ordinances require connection to a community sewerage system.

Proposed law provides for definitions.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 40:1281.27)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Provide that a local governing authority is authorized to approve the provisions of proposed law.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Provide that a local municipality may prohibit a person from building an individual sewerage system in an area where there is a community system if the local municipality passes an ordinance to prohibit such activity.