
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Substitute for Original House Bill No. 208 by Representative Pylant as proposed by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

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To amend and reenact R.S. 38:3098.1, relative to water well drilling; to provide relative to the qualifications for such certification; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 38:3098.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§3098.1. Qualifications for license

In order to be licensed as a drilling contractor, as provided in R.S. 38:3098, in the state of Louisiana, the applicant must possess the following qualifications:

- (1) Be at least eighteen years of age.
- (2) Be of good moral character.
- (3) ~~Have a minimum of two years drilling experience.~~
- (4) Demonstrate to the satisfaction of the office a reasonable knowledge of this

Chapter and the rules and regulations adopted by the office under the provisions of this Chapter.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the two-year experience requirement for water well driller licensing.

Present law requires that only licensed water well drillers are allowed to drill water wells. Exempts a person constructing a water well on his own or leased property intended for use only in a single family house which is his permanent residence, or intended for use only for watering livestock on his farm, and where the waters to be produced are not intended for use by the public or any residence other than his own.

Present law requires certain qualifications for licensure including the applicant must be at least 18 years old, be of good moral character, have a least two years of drilling experience, and demonstrate reasonable knowledge of the rules and regulations governing drilling.

Proposed law removes the two-year experience qualification.

Effective on signature by the governor.

(Amends R.S. 38:3098.1)