

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 129

BY SENATOR MARTINY

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 40:1749.18(B) and (B)(4) and to enact R.S. 40:1749.18(B)(5), relative to underground utilities and facilities damage prevention; to provide for an additional requirement for certification as a regional notification center; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 40:1749.18(B) and (B)(4) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1749.18(B)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1749.18. Certification of a regional notification center by Department of Public Safety and Corrections

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B. ~~Such~~ For the purposes of promoting cost effectiveness, ease of use, safety, and the protection of property, workmen, and citizens from damage, injury, and death, the rules and regulations shall include but not be limited to requirements that ~~the~~ any regional notification center ~~must~~ that is either certified or that applies for certification pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter shall have and maintain the following:

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(4) **Specifically defined geopolitical services areas that are coterminous with parish boundaries and do not overlap any other defined service area.**

(5) Any other requirements that may be necessary for a regional notification center to properly perform the duties and functions required under this Part.

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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.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Linda Nugent.

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DIGEST

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Present law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections ("DPS&C") to promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to establish a certification program for regional notification centers in the state.

Present law requires the rules and regulations promulgated by DPS&C to include certain requirements. Proposed law adds specifically defined geopolitical services areas that are coterminous with parish boundaries and do not overlap any other defined service area to the nonexclusive list of requirements imposed relative to the certification of regional notification centers. Proposed law also provides that the requirements are for the purposes of promoting cost effectiveness, ease of use, safety, and the protection of property, workmen, and citizens from damage, injury, and death.

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

(Amends R.S. 40:1749.18(B)(intro para) and (4); adds R.S. 40:1749(B)(5))