
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2016 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs to Engrossed House Bill No. 678 by Representative Carmody

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, delete the comma at the end of the line and insert "and R.S. 45:803,"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 3, after "relative to" insert

5 "public safety and emergency 911 systems, services, and calls, to provide relative to"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 3

7 On page 1, line 6, after "funds;" insert

8 "to create the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board and provide for its powers, duties,
9 composition, members, and procedures;"10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

11 On page 6, between lines 20 and 21 insert

12 "Section 2. R.S. 45:803 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 "§803. Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board; members; duties14 A. There is hereby created the Statewide 9-1-1 Advisory Board. The board
15 shall be domiciled in Baton Rouge.16 B. Purpose. The purpose of the Board is to oversee development and
17 operation of emergency 9-1-1 systems within the state of Louisiana.18 C. Duties. The duties of the board shall be to:19 (1) Secure resources for the creation, operation, expansion, and cooperative
20 undertaking of local public safety answering points.21 (2) Facilitate information-sharing among public safety answering points.22 (3) Create and maintain best practices databases for public safety
23 answering-point operations.24 (4) Encourage equipment and technology sharing among small jurisdictions.25 (5) Take steps to expand enhanced wire-line nine-one-one service to every
26 telephone user in the state.27 (6) Assist public-safety answering points in implementing wireless
28 technology.29 (7) Provide a clearinghouse of contact information for all telephone
30 companies operating in the state and contact information and nine-one-one fees
31 charged in each jurisdiction.32 (8) Respond to data requests of the Federal Communications Commission
33 ("FCC") in connection with 9-1-1 operations and fees.34 (9) Develop training program standards for nine-one-one call takers.35 (10) Take other action as necessary and proper to implement the provisions
36 of this Section, including but not limited to, the adoption of rules in accordance with
37 the Administrative Procedure Act to provide for the duties and functions of the
38 board.39 D. Members. The board shall be composed of thirteen members appointed
40 by the governor. The members shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate.41 (1) Members shall serve for terms of four years which shall be concurrent
42 with the term of the governor making the appointments. Each member shall continue
43 to serve until his or her successor is appointed and takes office. A vacancy occurring

1 for any reason shall be filled in the same manner provided for appointment of the
2 membership vacated. Members shall serve without compensation.

3 (2) The members shall consist of:

4 (a) Seven members from a list of names recommended by the Louisiana
5 Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials.

6 (b) Four members who are representatives of telecommunications carriers
7 from a list of names recommended by the Cellular Telephone Industries Association
8 ("CTIA").

9 (c) One member from a list of names recommended by incumbent local
10 exchange carriers operating in Louisiana.

11 (d) One member from a list of names recommended by cable companies that
12 provide interconnected VoIP services in Louisiana.

13 E. Meetings.

14 (1) All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the open meetings
15 and public records laws. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a
16 quorum, and a majority thereof may act on any matter within the jurisdiction of the
17 board.

18 (2) The board shall hold its first meeting not more than thirty days after
19 appointment of all initial members has been completed. At its first meeting, a
20 chairman, vice-chairman, and other officers as considered necessary shall be elected.
21 Officers shall be elected for terms of one year and annually thereafter. There shall
22 be no prohibition against officers succeeding themselves. The board shall also adopt
23 rules of procedure and may also appoint committees as deemed necessary.
24 Thereafter, the board may meet as often as it deems necessary, but shall meet at least
25 four times per year.

26 AMENDMENT NO. 5

27 On page 6, line 21, change "Section 2" to "Section 3"

28 AMENDMENT NO. 6

29 On page 6, line 22, change "Section 3" to "Section 4"