

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 85 (HB 249)**

**2016 Regular Session**

**Carmody**

Relative to underground utilities, existing 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 this state.

Existing law requires the rules and regulations promulgated by DPS&C to include requirements enumerated by existing law. New law clarifies 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. New 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 on the rules and regulations relative to the certification of regional notification centers. New law clarifies that the provisions of new law shall apply only to certain regional notification centers as identified in existing law (R.S. 40:1749.12).

Effective upon signature of governor (May 11, 2016).

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