
DIGEST

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HB 58 Engrossed

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Abstract: Requires certain water system operators providing water services within the service area of Sewerage District No. 1 for Tangipahoa Parish to collect service charges imposed by the district.

Present law authorizes any municipal corporation, parish, or sewerage district operating a sewerage system to execute a contract with any municipal corporation, parish, water district, or private water company operating a water system serving customers in the same area. Conversely, also authorizes any municipal corporation, parish, water district, or private water company to execute and enter into a contract with any municipal corporation, parish, or sewerage district providing sewerage service to its same customers.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that such contract may contain terms and privileges as the parties may agree upon. Provides that the contract may state which service charges imposed for services rendered by the sewerage system will be collected for the municipal corporation, parish, or sewerage district by the municipal corporation, parish, water district, or private water company. Provides further that such contract shall include provisions for a procedure to enforce collection of sewer charges by an agreement to shut off the service of the supply of water to any premises delinquent in the payment of either its water charges or sewer charges.

Proposed law retains present law but provides an exception relative to Sewerage District No. 1 for Tangipahoa Parish.

Proposed law requires each municipality, parish, water district, or private water company operating a water system within the service area of Sewerage District No. 1 for Tangipahoa Parish to collect service charges imposed for sewerage services rendered by the district.

Proposed law authorizes the governing authority of Tangipahoa Parish to enact ordinances to enforce proposed law and to require water services to be disconnected for failure to pay such charges. Requires any such ordinances to provide for the reimbursement of collection costs.

Proposed law provides for the liability of the water system operator for damages suffered by the sewerage district resulting from a failure to collect such charges.

(Amends R.S. 33:4169(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Authorize the governing authority of Tangipahoa Parish, rather than the sewerage district, to enact ordinances to enforce proposed law.