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DIGEST

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Present law provides that the public water, sewerage, and drainage systems of the city of New Orleans shall be constructed, controlled, maintained, and operated by the Sewerage and Water Board of the city of New Orleans.

Present law provides for the board to be composed of the mayor, two syndicate members of the board of liquidation, city debt, and eight members appointed by the mayor from a list of nominees submitted by the Sewerage and Water Board Selection Committee. The mayor's appointments shall include one member from each of the five councilmen's districts within the city of New Orleans and two members who shall be consumer advocates with community advocacy or consumer protection experience or experience in a related field. The citizen appointees are subject to confirmation by the city council.

Proposed law increases the number of citizen members to nine and adds one member who may be a member of the New Orleans City Council to be selected by a majority vote of the council who shall serve as the vice chair of the board.

Present law authorizes the mayor to appoint any unclassified member of the mayor's administration to serve as the mayor's designee on the board.

Proposed law requires the chief administrative officer to serve as the mayor's designee in the absence of the mayor and does not authorize the designation of any other member of the administration.

Proposed law makes technical changes to present law to use gender neutral language when referring to the mayor and the members of the selection committee.

Present law provides that a quorum of the board is six members.

Proposed law changes the quorum requirement to seven members.

Present law requires the board to submit quarterly reports to the city council.

Proposed law creates a deadline for the submission of the quarterly report and requires the executive director to attend the next city council meeting and present the reasons for the delay if a quarterly report is not submitted timely.

Proposed law takes effect on the first day of January following an election at which a majority of the voters of the city of New Orleans approve an amendment to Article V, Chapter 3, Section 5-301 of the home rule charter of the city to change the composition of the Sewerage and Water Board of New

Orleans to provide the identical composition of the board as contained in proposed law and terminates the terms of members serving on the board on that date and that new members be appointed as provided in proposed law. Provides that members remain in office until new members are appointed under proposed law. Proposed law is not to be construed to prevent the reappointment to the board of a member in office on the effective date of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 33:4071(A)(1), (2)(a), (4), (5), 4074, and 4091(C)(intro para); adds R.S. 33:4091(C)(8), (D), and (E))