

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 867

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

WATER/SEWER OPERATORS: Provides relative to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4071(A)(1)(d) and to enact R.S. 33:4091(D), relative to the
3 city of New Orleans; to provide relative to the sewerage and water board; to provide
4 relative to the membership of the board; to provide relative to the qualifications of
5 board members; to provide relative to the reporting requirements of the board; and
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
8 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
9 Louisiana.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 33:4071(A)(1)(d) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
12 33:4091(D) in hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §4071. Creation and organization of sewerage and water board

14 A.(1) The public water system, the public sewerage system, and the public
15 drainage system of the city of New Orleans shall be constructed, controlled,
16 maintained, and operated by a sewerage and water board to be composed as follows:

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18 (d) The members appointed pursuant to Subparagraphs (b) and (c) of this
19 Paragraph shall include one citizen from each of the five councilmanic districts
20 within the city of New Orleans. In addition, two of the appointments shall be

1 consumer advocates with community advocacy or consumer protection experience
2 or experience in a related field: and two of the appointments shall be retired civil
3 engineers or retired experts in water management.

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5 §4091. Reports of board

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7 D. In addition to the requirements of Subsections A, B, and C of this Section,
8 the board shall send a report, by email, to the members of the Orleans Parish
9 legislative delegation and the members of the governing authority of Orleans Parish
10 detailing the pumping and electrical power of its facilities and the available
11 manpower no later than twenty-four hours prior to a hurricane entering the Gulf of
12 Mexico as determined by the National Weather Service and no later than forty-eight
13 hours after a flood watch or warning or thunderstorm watch or warning is issued by
14 the National Weather Service for any area of Orleans Parish.

DIGEST

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HB 867 Engrossed

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Abstract: Relative to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, changes the qualifications of board members and requires the board to make reports relative to its facilities during certain weather related events.

Present law (R.S. 33:4071) establishes the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans. Provides for the composition of the board as follows:

- (1) The mayor.
- (2) Two syndicate members of the board of liquidation, city debt, to be appointed by the mayor on the recommendation of the board of liquidation, city debt.
- (3) Eight citizens, to be appointed by the mayor, with the advice and consent of the city council from a list of nominees submitted by the sewerage and water board selection committee.

Present law requires that at least two of the appointed members be consumer advocates with community advocacy or consumer protection experience or experience in a related field.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires that two of the appointed members be retired civil engineers or retired experts in water management.

Present law requires the board, on or before May 1st each year, to make to the city council, in writing, a full and detailed report of its acts, doings, receipts, and expenditures. Further requires the board to report quarterly to the city council relative to the contracts let in the construction and repair of its public systems of water, sewerage, and drainage as well as its operations. Provides relative to the content of the reports.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires the board to send a report, by email, to the members of the city council as well as the members of the Orleans Parish legislative delegation detailing the pumping and electrical power of its facilities and the available manpower no later than 24 hours prior to a hurricane entering the Gulf of Mexico as determined by the National Weather Service and no later than 48 hours after a flood watch or warning or thunderstorm watch or warning is issued by the National Weather Service.

(Amends R.S. 33:4071(A)(1)(d); Adds R.S. 33:4091(D))