
DIGEST

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HB 97 Engrossed

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Abstract: Removes the limitation that a project must extend or connect waterlines to other water systems and increases the number of customers a rural water system may service in order to be exempt from the local match requirement in the capital outlay program.

Present law requires the governor to submit his capital outlay budget which implements the first year of the five-year capital outlay program and the bond authorization bill for the sale of bonds to fund projects included in the bond portion of the capital outlay bill to the legislature no later than the eighth day of each regular session.

Present law requires nonstate entities applying for capital outlay funding to provide a match of not less than 25% of the total requested funding amount with the following exceptions:

- (1) Projects deemed to be an emergency by the commissioner.
- (2) Projects for which a nonstate entity has demonstrated its inability to provide a local match.
- (3) Projects for rural water systems servicing less than 1,000 customers to extend or connect waterlines to other water systems.

Proposed law removes the limitation that in order for a rural water system project to be exempt from its local match requirement, the project must extend or connect waterlines to other water systems and increases the number of customers a rural water system may service from 1,000 to 1,250 in order to be eligible for the local match requirement.

Applicable to the funding of all nonstate entity projects included in the capital outlay budget for fiscal years commencing on and after July 1, 2020.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 39:112(E)(2)(c))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the original bill:

1. Increase the number of customers a rural water system may service from 1,000 to 1,250 in order to be exempt from the local match requirement.