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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Commerce to Original House Bill No. 652  
by Representative HilfertyAMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, change "enact R.S. 33:4160," to "amend and reenact R.S. 33:4090(A) and to enact R.S. 33:4159.1 and 4159.2,"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, line 5, after "board;" and before "and to" insert "to provide relative to costs associated with sewer and water connections;"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 10, before "hereby" delete "R.S. 33:4160 is" and insert "R.S. 33:4090(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:4159.1 and 4159.2 are"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

"§4090. Apportionment of cost of connections with mains; making connections  
~~A. For any individual lot of record, the property owner shall bear all costs, inclusive of meter boxes, for initial connections extended from the sewer and water main to the property line. Any additional costs from the property line to on-site facilities including but not limited to expanded connections or new or additional meter boxes, shall be installed and maintained at the cost of the property owner.~~

A.(1) For a lot of record which existed prior to 1954, one sewer connection and one water connection extending from the respective main to the property line shall be installed by and at the expense of the board, and from that point on, each shall be made at the cost and expense of the owner of the property.

(2) For all lots created after 1954, the property owner shall bear all costs, inclusive of meter boxes, for connections extended from the sewer and water main to the property line. Any additional costs from the property line to onsite facilities shall be installed and maintained at the cost of the property owner.

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AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 1, line 11, change "§4160." to "§4159.1."

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, at the beginning of line 8, change "D." to "E."

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 3, after line 9, add the following:

"F. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit the powers of the legislative auditor.

§4159.2. Powers of the city council

1           A.(1) The city council shall establish, by ordinance, procedures regarding the  
2 billing policies of the board. Any such procedures may authorize the city council to  
3 review, modify, and prohibit the billing policies of the board. The procedures may  
4 also authorize the city council to review bills received by customers for services  
5 provided by the board. The city council may reduce or modify any bill received by  
6 a customer and may establish an appeals process on behalf of any such customer.  
7 The city council may also waive late charges and interest accrued.

8           (2) The procedures established by the city council shall be uniformly  
9 implemented so as to prevent special treatment as it relates to any bill modification  
10 or amnesty.

11           B. The city council may open an investigation of the board after the  
12 occurrence of any catastrophic failure of the city's sewerage and drainage  
13 infrastructure. Any information regarding such a failure requested in writing from  
14 the board by the city council shall be submitted to the council not later than thirty  
15 days after receipt of the written request.

16           C. Except as otherwise provided by law, the city council may require the  
17 board to submit to the council reports regarding any matter involving the board or  
18 its operations. Any such report shall be submitted not later than thirty days after  
19 receipt of the written request.

20           D. The city council may request the attendance of a representative of the  
21 board at any meeting of the Public Works, Sanitation and Environment Committee  
22 of the city council.

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24           Section 2. The city council of New Orleans shall implement R.S. 33:4159.2(A) as  
25           enacted by this Act within ninety days of the effective date of this Act."