

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 157 (HB 225)

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Existing law (R.S. 33:4071) establishes the sewerage and water board (board) of the city of New Orleans. Provides for the composition of the board, which includes the mayor of the city. Provides for the powers and duties of the board.

Existing constitution prohibits the state and any political subdivision from loaning, pledging, or donating its funds, credit, property, or things of value (Art. VII, Sec. 14). Provides exceptions.

Existing constitution does not prevent a political subdivision from waiving charges for water if the charges are the result of water lost due to damage to the water delivery infrastructure and that damage is not the result of any act or failure to act by the customer.

Existing law authorizes the board to adopt rules and procedures authorizing the adjusting, releasing, or extinguishing of any indebtedness from a customer's sewerage and water bill in certain cases, including instances of error. New law adds instances in which the board generates inaccurate invoices.

Prior law included instances in which an employee of the board, or a person acting on behalf of the board, failed to read a customer's water meter regardless of whether the board had submitted an invoice to the customer for an amount owed during any such period. New law limits these instances to failure to properly read the customer's meter and adds failure to submit an invoice for two or more consecutive months to such instances.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 33:4071(F)(1) and (2))