2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 569

## BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

## SEWERAGE/N O WATER BD: Provides relative to the sewerage and water board of New Orleans

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact the Section heading of R.S. 33:4071, to enact R.S. 33:4070, and to
3	repeal R.S. 33:4071(A) through (E), relative to Orleans Parish; to provide relative
4	to the sewerage and water board of New Orleans; to provide relative to the
5	membership of the board; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related
6	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. The Section heading of R.S. 33:4071 is hereby amended and reenacted
12	and R.S. 33:4070 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
13	§4070. Creation of sewerage and water board
14	A. 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. The board shall be
17	comprised of the seven members of the governing authority of New Orleans.
18	B. A quorum of the board shall adopt rules fixing its own meetings and
19	procedures. Any amendments or changes to such rules shall be adopted only after
20	approved by a quorum of the board.

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1	§4071. Creation and organization of sewerage and water board Billing; rules and		
2	procedures		
3	* * *		
4	Section 2. R.S. 33:4071(A) through (E) are hereby repealed in their entirety.		
5	Section 3.(A) The provisions of this Act shall take effect and become operative on		
6	the first day of January following an election at which a majority of the voters of the city of		
7	New Orleans approve an amendment to Article V, Chapter 3, Section 5-301 of the home rule		
8	charter of the city to change the composition of the Sewerage and Water Board of New		
9	Orleans to provide the identical composition of the board as contained in this Act.		
10	(B) The terms of the members of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans in		
11	office on the first day of January as provided in Subsection (A) of this Section shall		
12	terminate on that date.		

## DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the membership of the sewerage and water board of New Orleans.

<u>Present law</u> 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 New Orleans.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the board shall be composed as follows:

- (1) The mayor.
- (2) The chair of the Public Works, Sanitation and Environment Committee of the New Orleans city council, a member of the committee appointed by the chair, or a civil engineer appointed by the chair.
- (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) Seven 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.

<u>Present law</u> requires citizen members to be registered voters in Orleans Parish and to have been a domiciliary of the parish for two years previous to their appointment. Further

requires that vacancies occurring in mayoral appointments be filled in the manner of the original appointment.

<u>Present law</u> provides that no person who is a stockholder or bondholder in any sewerage or waterworks company or who holds any public office yielding emoluments to the holder other than those specified in <u>present law</u> shall be eligible for appointment to the board.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes <u>present law</u> and instead provides that the board shall be comprised of the seven members of the governing authority of New Orleans.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the provisions of <u>proposed law</u> shall take effect and become operative on the first day of Jan. following an election where a majority of the voters of the city of New Orleans approve an amendment to the home rule charter of the city to change the composition of the board to provide the identical composition of the board as contained in <u>proposed law</u>. Further provides that the terms of members of the board in office on the first day of Jan. shall terminate on that date.

(Amends R.S. 33:4071; Adds R.S. 33:4070 (Section heading); Repeals R.S. 33:4071(A) through (E))