

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 432

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

CONSERVATION. Provides relative to the capital area groundwater conservation district.
(8/1/24)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:3073(3) and R.S. 38:3074(A)(2) and (3), to enact R.S.
3 38:3076(F), and to repeal R.S. 38:3076(A)(22), relative to the capital area
4 groundwater conservation district; to provide for definitions; to provide for
5 appointment of commissioners; to provide for powers of the board; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 38:3073(3) and R.S. 38:3074(A)(2) and (3) are hereby amended and
10 reenacted, and R.S. 38:3076(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §3073. Definitions

12 Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the
13 following meanings for purposes of this Part:

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15 (3) "Commissioner" means a commissioner of the district who has been
16 appointed ~~or elected~~ in accordance with this part.

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Proposed law retains present law and provides that commissioners may only be appointed.

Present law requires that three commissioners be appointed from nominations made by the industrial users in the district.

Proposed law changes the nominating entities from industrial users to the Louisiana State University Center for Energy Studies, the Greater Baton Rouge Industrial Alliance, the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, the Louisiana Chemical Association, the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association, and the Louisiana Oil & Gas Association.

Present law requires that three commissioners be appointed from nominations made by entities that furnish water for rural or municipal use within the district, and that one of the three be nominated by privately owned users furnishing a municipal water supply.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that nominations be by entities providing water to no fewer than 3,000 persons. Further requires that one of the three nominations be by privately owned users furnishing a municipal water supply to no fewer than 250,000 persons.

Proposed law provides that the board shall not require installation of additional meters or changes thereto when a user maintains such devices on each well in substantial compliance with metering and quarterly reporting requirements.

Present law authorizes the board to expand the district to include adjacent parishes, with added parishes to have equal board representation and conditions as the original parishes.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 38:3073(3) and R.S. 38:3074(A)(2) and (3); adds R.S. 38:3076(F); repeals R.S. 38:3076(A)(22))