

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 593

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

SEWERAGE/NO WATER BD: Provides relative to residency requirements for employees of the New Orleans sewerage and water board

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4076, relative to the sewerage and water board of New
3 Orleans; to provide relative to the employees of the board; to provide relative to
4 residency requirements; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
6 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
7 Louisiana.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:4076 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §4076. Employees of board; civil service

11 The board may employ all necessary clerks, engineers, firemen, and other
12 skilled and unskilled employees necessary and proper to the efficient administration,
13 operation and control of the public sewerage, water, and drainage systems. All the
14 employees, except unskilled laborers, shall be appointed only after they have passed
15 the civil service examination administered by the civil service commissioners of the
16 city of New Orleans. Other than executive management positions, if an employment
17 position cannot be filled with a New Orleans resident within ninety days after the
18 position has been advertised, the board may employ a person who is not a New
19 Orleans resident and who shall remain exempt from the city's residency requirement
20 for the duration of his employment. They shall hold their positions during good

1 behavior and shall be removed only for cause. Nothing herein shall be construed as
2 preventing the board from dispensing with the services of unnecessary employees.

3 Civil service rules shall not apply to the executive director, the general
4 superintendent, or the Board of Advisory Engineers.

5 Section 2. The State Civil Service Commission and the Civil Service Commission
6 of the City of New Orleans shall cooperatively develop a plan for the transfer of all
7 employees of the sewerage and water board of New Orleans to the state civil service. The
8 plan shall be fully implemented and all such employees shall be subject to the administration
9 of state civil service within one year of the effective date of this Act.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the sewerage and water board of New Orleans to hire employees from outside the municipality under specified circumstances.

Present law 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 authorizes the board to employ clerks, engineers, firemen, and other skilled and unskilled employees necessary and proper to the efficient administration, operation and control of the public sewerage, water, and drainage systems. Provides that all employees, except unskilled laborers, shall be appointed only after they have passed a civil service examination administered by the civil service commissioners of the city of New Orleans.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that if an employment position, other than executive management positions, cannot be filled with a New Orleans resident within 90 days after the position has been advertised, the board may employ a person who is not a New Orleans resident.

(Amends R.S. 33:4076)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Remove proposed law transferring sewerage and water board employees from the city civil service system to the state civil service system.

2. Add proposed law providing relative to residency requirements for employees.