

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 927

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Provides with respect to certain permits required by parishes  
and municipalities

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4886, relative to parishes and municipalities; to provide  
3 relative to permits required by parishes and municipalities; to prohibit any parish or  
4 municipality from requiring a permit for certain services provided by an authorized  
5 utility provider; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 33:4886 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §4886. Permits; certain utility services; parishes and municipalities

9 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, ~~no parish~~  
10 ~~governing authority or municipal governing authority shall require any person who~~  
11 ~~holds an account with an authorized utility provider and whose account is being~~  
12 ~~charged by the provider for electric services provided to a dwelling located in the~~  
13 ~~state of Louisiana to acquire a permit from the respective parish or municipal~~  
14 ~~governing authority in which the dwelling is located for the purpose of changing the~~  
15 ~~name of the person listed as the account holder~~ if a person who holds an account with  
16 an authorized utility provider that is being charged by the provider for electric  
17 services provided to a dwelling located in the state of Louisiana transfers the account  
18 to another person, the parish or municipal governing authority shall not require the  
19 new account holder to acquire a permit from the respective parish or municipal

1 governing authority to continue the electric services being provided by the  
2 authorized utility provider to any such dwelling. Nothing in this Section shall  
3 prohibit regulatory inspection or enforcement regarding on-site sewerage disposal  
4 systems, nor shall it prohibit a parish or municipal governing authority from  
5 collecting past due utility debt.

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#### DIGEST

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HB 927 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Prohibits a parish or municipality from requiring certain persons to acquire a permit with respect to the transfer of electric services provided by an authorized utility provider.

Present law prohibits parish and municipal governing authorities from requiring any person, who is an account holder with an authorized utility provider and whose account is being charged by the provider for electric services provided to a dwelling located in the state to acquire a permit to change the name of the person listed as the account holder.

Proposed law instead provides that if a person who holds an account with an authorized utility provider that is being charged by the provider for electric services provided to a dwelling located in the state transfers the account to another person, the parish or municipal governing authority is prohibited from requiring the new account holder to acquire a permit to continue electric services provided to such dwelling.

(Amends R.S. 33:4886)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

##### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.