

(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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Environmental Quality to the original bill

1. Removes the minimum utility size requirement for board members nominated by privately or publicly owned water utilities.
2. Removes the word "substantial" from compliance requirements.
3. Changes the flow data reporting interval from quarterly to monthly.
4. Requires user-installed meters to meet accepted scientific practices, maintain a maximum deviation of less than ten percent of actual flow, and measure data hourly for each well in each stratum. Further requires the user to report data from each meter monthly.
5. Requires that meters be installed, calibrated, validated, and maintained to ensure accuracy, and that calibration be performed by a qualified source with formal training or experience.
6. Provides board authority to perform once yearly audits of each meter, which may include temporary installation of board-provided meters to verify performance.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Changed term "flow measurement device" to "metering device".
2. Revised maximum measurement deviation from less than 10% to less than 5%.