

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 308

BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 45:1364(E) and 1365(B)(1), relative to notice for discontinuation
3 of cable services; to provide for termination of certificates with the secretary of state;
4 to require the issuance of notice; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 45:1364(E) and 1365(B)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
7 as follows:

8 §1364. Certificate issued by the state; eligibility

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10 E.(1) The certificate issued pursuant to this Chapter may be terminated by
11 the cable service provider or video service provider by submitting written notice of
12 the termination to the secretary of state.

13 (2) A cable service provider that elects to terminate a certificate pursuant to
14 this Section shall notify its customers of the end of service in writing and through
15 announcements on the cable system at least thirty days before termination of the
16 certificate is effective, if the effective date of termination is within the cable service
17 provider's control.

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1 §1365. State franchise; effect on existing local franchise agreement

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3 B. Any incumbent service provider shall have the option to terminate an
4 existing franchise previously issued by a local governmental subdivision and may
5 instead offer cable service or video service in such local governmental subdivision
6 under a certificate of state franchise issued by the secretary of state in accordance
7 with the provisions of R.S. 45:1364, provided the following requirements are
8 satisfied by any such incumbent service provider:

9 (1)(a) An incumbent service provider exercising its termination option shall
10 file a statement of termination with the secretary of state in the form of an affidavit
11 containing the information required by R.S. 45:1364(B) and submit copies of such
12 filing with any affected local governmental subdivision. Termination of existing
13 franchises is effective immediately upon the effective date of the certificate of state
14 franchise issued by the secretary of state.

15 (b) If a cable service provider exercises its termination option pursuant to
16 this Section, the cable service provider shall notify its customers at least thirty days
17 before termination of the certificate is effective, if the effective date of termination
18 is within the cable service provider's control. The cable service provider shall notify
19 its customers of a possible disruption of cable service as a result of the termination
20 of the certificate in writing and through announcements on the cable system.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____