

## SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 432

2024 Regular Session

Edmonds

**KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

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

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL**

1. Exempts nuclear electric generating stations from audit requirements.
2. Adds the College of Engineering at Southern University to entities nominating board members.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

## DIGEST

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Present law provides for a board of commissioners who may be appointed or elected.

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 College of Engineering at Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, 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 one of the three nominations be by privately owned users furnishing a municipal water supply to no fewer than 250,000 persons.

Present law provides for powers of the board.

Proposed law retains present law and prohibits the board from requiring installation of additional meters or changes thereto when a user maintains such devices on each well in compliance with metering and monthly reporting requirements. Further requires that user-installed meters meet accepted scientific practices, be capable of a maximum deviation of no less than 5% of actual flows, and measure and report data per well, per stratum, on a monthly basis.

Proposed law requires that meters be installed, calibrated, validated, and maintained by a qualified source with formal training or practical experience. Further provides that the board may audit all meters of users other than nuclear electric generating stations once yearly and may install temporary meters at its own cost to verify performance.

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))

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