

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides that the secretary of state shall issue a certificate authorizing an applicant to offer cable service or video service.

Existing law provides that the certificate issued pursuant to existing law may be terminated by the cable service provider or video service provider by submitting written notice of the termination to the secretary of state.

New law adds that if a cable service provider elects to terminate a certificate pursuant to existing law and new law, it shall notify its customers of the end of service in writing and through announcements on the cable system at least 30 days before termination of the certificate is effective, if the effective date of termination is within the cable service provider's control.

Existing law states that any incumbent service provider shall have the option to terminate an existing franchise previously issued by a local governmental subdivision and may instead offer cable service or video service in such local governmental subdivision under a certificate of state franchise issued by the secretary of state in accordance with the provisions of new law and existing law, provided that all requirements are satisfied by any such incumbent service provider.

New law retains existing law.

Existing law provides that an incumbent service provider exercising its termination option shall file a statement of termination with the secretary of state in the form of an affidavit containing the information required by existing law and submit copies of such filing with any affected local governmental subdivision. Termination of existing franchises is effective immediately upon the effective date of the certificate of state franchise issued by the secretary of state.

New law adds that if a cable service provider exercises its termination option pursuant to existing law and new law, the cable service provider shall notify its customers at least 30 days before termination of the certificate is effective, if the effective date of termination is within the cable service provider's control. The cable service provider shall notify its customers of a possible disruption of cable service as a result of the termination of the certificate in writing and through announcements on the cable system.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 45:1364(E) and 1365(B)(1))