

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 975

BY REPRESENTATIVE ST. BLANC

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 49:191(3)(b) and to repeal R.S. 49:191(1)(b), relative to the Department of
3 Public Service, including provisions to provide for the re-creation of the Department
4 of Public Service and the statutory entities made a part of the department by law; to
5 provide for the effective termination date for all statutory authority for the existence
6 of such statutory entities; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Pursuant to R.S. 49:193, the Department of Public Service and the
10 statutory entities made a part of the department by law shall be re-created effective June 30,
11 2026, and all statutory authority therefor is continued in accordance with the provisions of
12 Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

13 Section 2. All statutory authority for the existence of the Department of Public
14 Service and the statutory entities made a part of the department as re-created by Section 1
15 of this Act shall cease as of July 1, 2031, pursuant to R.S. 49:191. However, the Department
16 of Public Service may be re-created prior to such date in accordance with the provisions of
17 Part XII of Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

18 Section 3. The provisions of R.S. 49:193 are hereby superseded to the extent that
19 those provisions are in conflict with the provisions of this Act.

1 Section 4. R.S. 49:191(3)(b) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

2 §191. Termination of legislative authority for existence of statutory entities; phase-
3 out period for statutory entities; table of dates

4 Notwithstanding any termination dates set by any previous Act of the
5 legislature, the statutory entities set forth in this Section shall begin to terminate their
6 operations on July first of each of the following years, and all legislative authority
7 for the existence of any statutory entity, as defined in R.S. 49:190, shall cease as of
8 July first of the following year, which shall be the termination date:

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10 (3) July 1, 2030:

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12 (b) The Department of Public Service and all statutory entities made a part
13 of the department by law.

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15 Section 5. R.S. 49:191(1)(b) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

16 Section 6. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2026; if vetoed by the
17 governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
18 June 30, 2026, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____