DIGEST

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SB No. 341

<u>Present law</u> provides for the creation of the Louisiana Standards for Water Works Construction, Operation, and Maintenance Committee (committee) within Dept. of Health and Hospitals to develop standards to be placed in the state Sanitary Code for water works construction, operation, and maintenance. Further provides that no later than August 1, 2014, the office of public health shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) implementing the standards developed by the committee. Further provides for the membership of the committee, and provides for the calling of the first meeting and for quorum requirements. Further provides for compliance with the Open Meetings Law and for location of meetings of the committee. Further provides for administrative support.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes August 1, 2014, deadline and amends <u>present law</u> to provide for the authority of the committee to develop and approve rules and regulations to repeal, revise, and replace LAC 51:XII Chapters 1 and 3 of the Sanitary Code. Such rules and regulations shall include but not be limited to rules and regulations for water works constructions, operation, and maintenance and the list of significant deficiencies contemplated in <u>present law</u>. LAC 51:XII Chapters 5 through 19 shall continue to be revised by the state health officer in accordance with the APA.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the office of public health shall promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the APA implementing the standards developed by the committee.

<u>Present law</u> provides the rules and regulations for the Louisiana Standards for Water Works Construction, Operation, and Maintenance shall not be promulgated until the proposed rules and regulations or changes thereto are approved by DHH and approved by a majority vote of the committee. <u>Proposed law</u> deletes this provision.

Proposed law makes technical changes to present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:4.13)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

<u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to</u> <u>the original bill</u>

- 1. Removes the deadline date to promulgate the rules and regulations.
- 2. Removes the requirement that the rules and regulations be promulgated after the Louisiana Standards for Water Works Construction, Operation, and Maintenance Committee and DHH approve such rules and regulations.
- 3. Requires the promulgation of rules and regulations to repeal and replace LAC 51:XII.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Natural Resources and</u> <u>Environment</u> to the <u>reengrossed</u> bill.

- 1. Limited the authority of the committee to repeal, revise, or replace provisions of the Sanitary Code to only LAC 51:XII Chapters 1 and 3.
- 2. Required the office of public health to promulgate rules and regulations implementing the standards developed by the committee.