

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 50

2015 Regular Session

Murray

June 10, 2015

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 50 by Senator Murray, recommend the following concerning the Engrossed bill:

- 1. That House Floor Amendments Nos. 1, 2, and 3 proposed by Representative Abramson and adopted by the House of Representatives on June 7, 2015 be rejected.
- 2. Amend the Engrossed bill as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

"(2) Instances in which an employee of the board, or a person acting on behalf of the board, fails to read a customer's water meter regardless of whether the board has submitted an invoice to the customer for an amount owed during any such period."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, at the beginning of line 3, change "**(2)**" to "**(3)**"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, at the beginning of line 7, change "**(3)**" to "**(4)**"

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

Senator Edwin R. Murray

Representative Helena N. Moreno

Senator Yvonne Dorsey-Colomb

Representative Austin Badon

Senator Dan Claitor

Representative Walt Leger III

The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael T. Bell.

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Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

LOCAL AGENCIES. Provides relative to release of obligations of indebtedness by the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans. (gov sig)

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

1. Added an additional limitation to the board's compromising authority.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Add an additional limitation to the board's compromising authority.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present constitution prohibits the funds, credit, property, or things of value of the state or of any political subdivision from being loaned, pledged, or donated to or for any person, association, or corporation, public or private. Provides that the donation, loan, or pledge of public credit is subject to Art. VII, §14 of the 1921 Constitution made statutory by the 1974 Constitution.

Proposed law authorizes the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans to adopt rules and procedures to adjust, release, or extinguish any indebtedness of an individual's sewerage and water bill.

Proposed law requires that the rule limit the board's compromising authority to instances where either the district is at fault or an employee of the board fails to read a customer's water meter or the customer is not at fault or the customer is qualified under an established program.

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

(Adds R.S. 33:4071(F))