

SENATE BILL NO. 49

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4083.1, relative to the city of New Orleans; to provide relative to receipt and disbursement of unclaimed customer credit balances and water deposits into the "Water Help Program Fund"; to provide for notifications by the board; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:4083.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4083.1. Receipt and disbursement of unclaimed customer credit balances and water deposits

Any unclaimed customer credit balances or deposits collected from consumers for the supply of water to such consumers for which a request for refund is not made within eighteen months after termination of services and which are unclaimed or abandoned after such eighteen-month period shall be deposited to the credit of the board in a special fund designated as the "Water Help Program Fund". Within ~~thirty~~ **ninety** days after termination of services, the board shall notify the customer by **electronic mail, regular postage, or** certified mail sent to the last known address of the customer that his unclaimed customer credit balance or deposit will be deposited to the "Water Help Program Fund"; however, a claim for return of the unclaimed customer credit balance or deposit shall not prescribe, if not claimed within eighteen months after termination of services. The board may deduct postage costs of the notice from the unclaimed customer credit balance or deposit. The monies in such fund shall be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 33:4083 and shall be used solely for the "Water Help Program Fund".

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____