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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2017 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Hunter to Engrossed House Bill No. 533 by Representative Hunter

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, delete "R.S. 40:5.6.1," and insert in lieu thereof the following:

3 "Part V of Subchapter B of Chapter 5-F of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
4 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 40:1290.1 through 1290.5,"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 2

6 On page 1, delete lines 3 through 7 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

7 "create the Clean Water Task Force; to provide for the membership, purposes, and duties of
8 the task force; to provide for a termination date; and to"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 1, after line 9, delete the remainder of the page and delete pages 2 through 6 in their
11 entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following:

12 "Section 1. Part V of Subchapter B of Chapter 5-F of Title 40 of the
13 Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 40:1290.1 through
14 1290.5, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

15 PART V. CLEAN WATER TASK FORCE

16 §1290.1. Legislative findings; purpose

17 A. The Legislature of Louisiana does hereby find and declare the
18 following:

19 (1) The provision of water for public use and consumption not only
20 safe but also acceptable in appearance, taste, and odor is of the highest
21 priority.

22 (2) Water aesthetically unacceptable can undermine the confidence
23 of consumers, will lead to complaints, and could lead to the use of water
24 from sources which are less safe.

25 (3) Generally, consumers have no means of judging the safety of
26 their water themselves, but their attitude towards the water supply and water
27 suppliers is often greatly affected by the aspects of water quality they are
28 able to perceive with their own senses.

29 (4) It is natural for consumers to regard with suspicion water that
30 appears dirty or discolored or that has an unpleasant taste or smell. Even
31 though these characteristics may not in themselves be of direct consequence,
32 they may consequently cause a substantial number of persons to discontinue
33 using a public water system.

34 (5) On July 28, 2010, through Resolution 64/292, the United Nations
35 General Assembly explicitly recognized the right to safe and clean drinking
36 water and sanitation as a human right that is essential for the full enjoyment
37 of life and all human rights.

38 (6) In November 2002, the United Nations Committee on Economic,
39 Social, and Cultural Rights adopted General Comment No. 15, The Right to

1 Water, which states the human right to water is indispensable for leading a
 2 life in human dignity and is a prerequisite for the realization of other human
 3 rights.

4 B. The purpose of this Part is to create an interagency task force to
 5 coordinate existing efforts to provide suitable drinking water to all residents
 6 of Louisiana and to recommend means for enhancing and maintaining the
 7 efficacy of those efforts.

8 §1290.2. Clean Water Task Force; creation; membership

9 A. The Clean Water Task Force, referred to hereafter in this Part as
 10 the "task force", is hereby created within the Louisiana Department of
 11 Health.

12 B. The task force shall be composed of all of the following members:

13 (1) One member representing the Louisiana Department of Health.

14 (2) One member representing the Department of Environmental
 15 Quality.

16 (3) One member representing the Louisiana Municipal Association.

17 (4) One member representing the Louisiana Rural Water Association.

18 (5) One member representing the Louisiana chapter of the National
 19 Conference of Black Mayors.

20 (6) One member representing the Interim Emergency Board.

21 (7) One member appointed by the governor.

22 (8) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the
 23 speaker of the House of Representatives.

24 (9) One member of the Senate appointed by the president of the
 25 Senate.

26 (10) The state representative from House District No. 17.

27 C. The task force may engage and solicit, as necessary, input,
 28 recommendations, and guidance from interested parties and stakeholders
 29 including but not limited to any of the following:

30 (1) State and local agencies involved in the regulation, treatment, and
 31 distribution of drinking water.

32 (2) Technical experts at the university and consulting levels.

33 (3) Water utility system owners and operators, community members,
 34 and state legislators from areas with known public water quality issues.

35 D. At the first meeting of the task force, the members of the task
 36 force shall select one eligible member to serve as chairman. Any member
 37 except a legislator shall be eligible to serve as chairman of the task force.

38 E. The task force shall adopt rules of procedure and any other
 39 policies as may be necessary to facilitate the work of the group.

40 §1290.3. Purposes of the task force

41 The purposes of the task force shall include but not be limited to all
 42 of the following:

43 (1) To study and evaluate the conditions of each water utility system
 44 across Louisiana.

45 (2) To study and evaluate the need for water education and water
 46 utility system improvements and maintenance.

47 (3) To identify and recommend opportunities for the funding of
 48 improvements to water utility systems including but not limited to federal
 49 and state funding through appropriations, capital outlay, and grants.

50 (4) To make reports to the governor and to the legislature in
 51 accordance with R.S. 40:1290.4.

52 §1290.4. Reporting

53 A. On or before January 1, 2018, and semiannually thereafter, the
 54 task force shall prepare and submit to the governor and the legislature a
 55 report concerning the status of water utility systems in the state and the status
 56 of efforts to provide suitable drinking water to all residents of the state.

57 B. At minimum, the report required by this Section shall include
 58 information, analysis, and commentary related to each purpose of the task

1 force enumerated in R.S.40:1290.3, and may include any other information
2 as the task force deems necessary or appropriate.

3 §1290.5. Termination

4 The provisions of this Part shall terminate on December 31, 2020.

5 Section 2. The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health shall
6 take such actions as are necessary to ensure that the Clean Water Task Force
7 created by the provisions of Section 1 of this Act convenes on or before
8 September 1, 2017."