
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to Reengrossed House Bill No. 652 by Representative Hilferty

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 3, after "Orleans;" delete the remainder of the line and on line 4 delete "the
3 recognized as a public utility;"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 2, line 8, change "Public utility; regulation; city council" to "Regulation; city
6 council"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 2, line 9, after "A." delete the remainder of the line and delete line 10 and on line
9 11, delete "recognized as a public utility."

10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

11 On page 2, line 13, change "board" to "Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, referred
12 to in this Section as the "board""

13 AMENDMENT NO. 5

14 On page 3, line 27, after "council" delete the remainder of the line, delete lines 28 and 29,
15 and on page 4, delete lines 1 through 4 and insert:

16 "may establish, by ordinance, procedures regarding the billing policies of the board,
17 including reducing or modifying a bill received by a customer, or waiving late charges or
18 accrued interest, subject to the authority established by the billing ordinance as set forth in
19 Paragraph (2) of this Subsection."

20 AMENDMENT NO. 6

21 On page 4, between lines 4 and 5, insert:

22 "(2) The city council shall establish a billing ordinance working group to review and
23 opine on ordinances before any such ordinance may be considered by the Public Works,
24 Sanitation, and Environmental Committee of the city council, including evaluating the
25 necessity of such an ordinance. This working group shall convene within ninety days of the
26 effective date of this Section to establish procedural guidelines and within thirty days of the
27 filing of an ordinance that impacts any aspect of the Sewerage and Water Board of New
28 Orleans billing process or policies. The findings of this working group shall be made part
29 of the official record before consideration of any such ordinance drafted pursuant to this
30 Section.

31 (3) The billing ordinance review working group shall be comprised of the following
32 members:

33 (a) The chairman of the New Orleans City Council Budget, Audit, and Board of
34 Review Committee, or his designee.

35 (b) The chairman of the New Orleans City Council Public Works, Sanitation, and
36 Environment Committee, or his designee.

37 (c) The chairman of the New Orleans City Council Governmental Affairs Committee,
38 or his designee.

1 (d) A member of the House of Representatives residing in Orleans Parish, or his
2 designee, appointed by the New Orleans City Council president.

3 (e) A member of the Senate residing in Orleans Parish, or his designee, appointed by
4 the New Orleans City Council president.

5 (f) The executive director of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, or his
6 designee.

7 (g) The president of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, or his
8 designee."

9 AMENDMENT NO. 7

10 On page 4, line 5, change "(2)" to "(4)"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 8

12 On page 4, line 8, change "B." to "B. (1)"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 9

14 On page 4, between lines 12 and 13, insert:

15 "(2) For purposes of this Section, a catastrophic failure shall be defined as an impact
16 to board-owned-and-operated equipment or assets that result in a diminished level of service
17 to more than ten thousand customers and an emergency declaration by the board's general
18 superintendent."

19 AMENDMENT NO. 10

20 On page 4, delete lines 13 through 16.

21 AMENDMENT NO. 11

22 On page 4, line 17, change "D." to "C."