

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 524

BY SENATOR LONG

WATER MANAGEMENT. Requires the Sabine River Authority to obtain approval of the Water Resources Commission prior to the sale of water outside the state. (8/1/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2325(A)(16)(d) and 3097.4(D)(7) and to enact R.S.
3 38:3097.4(D)(8), relative to the Sabine River Authority; to add certain requirements
4 prior to entering into any contracts to sell water; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 38:2325(A)(16)(d) and 3097.4(D)(7) are hereby amended and
7 reenacted and R.S. 38:3097.4(D)(8) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §2325. Powers

9 A. Said authority shall have the power:

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11 (16) * * *

12 (d) ~~In addition, at least two-thirds of the governing authorities of the parishes~~
13 ~~within the territorial jurisdiction of the authority shall concur before the authority can~~
14 ~~enter into any contracts or other agreements which provide for the sale, utilization,~~
15 ~~distribution, or consumption, outside of the boundaries of the state of Louisiana, of~~
16 ~~the waters over which the authority has jurisdiction or control. However, the~~
17 ~~concurrence from each of the parish governing authorities shall be by resolution,~~

authorities within the territorial jurisdiction of the SRA.

Proposed law requires the written concurrence of the Water Resources Comm. of any contracts which provide for the sale, utilization, distribution, or consumption, outside of the boundaries of the state of Louisiana, of the waters over which the SRA has jurisdiction or control.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 38:2325(A)(16)(d) and 3097.4(D)(7); adds R.S. 38:3097.4(D)(8))