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SENATE BILL NO. 203

BY SENATOR HENSGENS

LOCAL AGENCIES. Provides for an increase in per diem for the commissioners of the Vermilion Waterworks District No. 1. (gov sig)

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To enact R.S. 33:3819(M), relative to the board of commissioners of Waterworks District

No. 1 of Vermilion Parish; to permit an increase in per diem for the commissioners

of the board for attending meetings; 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. 33:3819(M) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3819. Meetings of commissioners; meeting place; absences; compensation

A. The commissioners of each waterworks district may meet as often as necessary, but shall meet at least once every three months. The board of waterworks commissioners by resolution shall designate a regular meeting place for the holding of its meetings, which shall be held at a place located within the waterworks district or at the parish seat of the parish in which the district is located, even though the parish seat is not within the boundaries of the waterworks district. The absence of a commissioner from any four consecutive meetings shall be deemed to create a vacancy and it shall be filled by the police jury, if the commissioner had been

appointed by the police jury, or by appointment of the governing authority of a

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municipality included in the district, if the commissioner had been appointed by the said governing authority. The parish governing authority in the parish in which each waterworks district is located may fix the per diem to be paid to each of the members of the board of commissioners of the respective waterworks districts in an amount not to exceed sixty dollars for each meeting they attend, up to and including twenty-four meetings in each year and for each special meeting not to exceed twelve special meetings in each year. Per diem provided by this Section shall be paid out of the district funds in the hands of the treasurer; however, no elected official serving as a member of the board of commissioners shall receive any per diem for attending meetings of the board.

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M. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, the governing authority of the parish of Vermilion may authorize the treasurer of Waterworks District No. 1 of Vermilion Parish to pay the commissioners of the district a per diem not to exceed one hundred-fifty dollars for attendance at board meetings.

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

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

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<u>Present law</u> provides that a parish governing authority in the parish in which each waterworks district is located may fix the per diem to be paid to each of the members of the board of commissioners of the respective waterworks districts in an amount not to exceed \$60 for each meeting they attend, up to and including 24 meetings in each year and for each special meeting not to exceed 12 special meetings in each year.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the board of commissioners of Waterworks District No. 1 of Vermilion Parish to permit an increase in per diem, not to exceed \$150, for the commissioners of the board for attending board meetings.

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Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.

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

(Adds R.S. 33:3819(M))