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SENATE BILL NO. 432

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

CONSERVATION. Provides relative to the capital area groundwater conservation district. (8/1/24)

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | To amend and reenact R.S. 38:3073(3) and R.S. 38:3074(A)(2) and (3), to enact R.S. |
| 3 | 38:3076(F), and to repeal R.S. 38:3076(A)(22), relative to the capital area |
| 4 | groundwater conservation district; to provide for definitions; to provide for |
| 5 | appointment of commissioners; to provide for powers of the board; and to provide |
| 6 | for related matters. |
| 7 | Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published. |
| 8 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: |
| 9 | Section 1. R.S. 38:3073(3) and R.S. 38:3074(A)(2) and (3) are hereby amended and |
| 10 | reenacted, and R.S. 38:3076(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows: |
| 11 | §3073. Definitions |
| 12 | Unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall have the |
| 13 | following meanings for purposes of this Part: |
| 14 | * * * |
| 15 | (3) "Commissioner" means a commissioner of the district who has been |
| 16 | appointed or elected in accordance with this part. |
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| 1 | §3074. Board of commissioners; appointments; tenure; replacement; compensation | | |
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| 2 | A. Members of the board of commissioners shall be appointed by the | | |
| 3 | governor. Each appointment by the governor shall be submitted to the Senate for | | |
| 4 | confirmation. The members shall be appointed as follows: | | |
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| 6 | (2) Three members shall be appointed from nominations by the industrial | | |
| 7 | users in the district Louisiana State University Center for Energy Studies, the | | |
| 8 | Greater Baton Rouge Industrial Alliance, the Louisiana Association of Business | | |
| 9 | and Industry, the Louisiana Chemical Association, the Louisiana | | |
| 10 | Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association, and the Louisiana Oil & Gas | | |
| 11 | Association. | | |
| 12 | (3) Three members shall be appointed from nominations by privately or | | |
| 13 | publicly owned entities that furnish water <u>to no fewer than three thousand persons</u> | | |
| 14 | for rural or municipal use within the district. One of the three members shall be from | | |
| 15 | nominations by privately owned users furnishing a municipal water supply to no | | |
| 16 | fewer than two hundred fifty-thousand persons. | | |
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| 18 | §3076. Powers of the board | | |
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| 20 | F. The board shall not require users to undertake the installation of | | |
| 21 | additional metering devices or prescribe new requirements thereof when a user | | |
| 22 | maintains metering devices on each well under the jurisdiction of the district | | |
| 23 | and demonstrates substantial compliance with his obligation to meter and to | | |
| 24 | submit data and reports thereof to the district on a quarterly basis. | | |
| 25 | Section 2. R.S. 38:3076(A)(22) is hereby repealed. | | |
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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jacob K. Wilson.

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| Present law provides for | a board of commissioners who may be app | ointed or elected. |
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<u>Proposed law</u> retains present law and provides that commissioners may only be appointed.

<u>Present law</u> requires that three commissioners be appointed from nominations made by the industrial users in the district.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes the nominating entities <u>from</u> industrial users <u>to</u> the Louisiana State University Center for Energy Studies, the Greater Baton Rouge Industrial Alliance, the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, the Louisiana Chemical Association, the Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association, and the Louisiana Oil & Gas Association.

<u>Present law</u> requires that three commissioners be appointed from nominations made by entities that furnish water for rural or municipal use within the district, and that one of the three be nominated by privately owned users furnishing a municipal water supply.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and requires that nominations be by entities providing water to no fewer than 3,000 persons. Further requires that one of the three nominations be by privately owned users furnishing a municipal water supply to no fewer than 250,000 persons.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the board shall not require installation of additional meters or changes thereto when a user maintains such devices on each well in substantial compliance with metering and quarterly reporting requirements.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the board to expand the district to include adjacent parishes, with added parishes to have equal board representation and conditions as the original parishes.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 38:3073(3) and R.S. 38:3074(A)(2) and (3); adds R.S. 38:3076(F); repeals R.S. 38:3076(A)(22))