

1 WHEREAS, reliance on references from possible future competitors may discourage
2 otherwise qualified applicants from seeking licensure; and

3 WHEREAS, regulatory requirements that create unnecessary barriers to entry into
4 the profession may reduce workforce availability; and

5 WHEREAS, reducing or modifying certain licensing requirements while maintaining
6 professional qualifications will encourage more individuals to become licensed water well
7 drillers and strengthen the state's water infrastructure; and

8 WHEREAS, the state seeks to encourage entry into the water well drilling profession
9 and to grow the number of licensed water well drillers serving communities throughout the
10 state.

11 THEREFORE, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana requests
12 the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to study statutory provisions
13 and the rules and regulations governing the licensure of water well drillers, including all
14 statutory and administrative requirements, and to evaluate whether such requirements may
15 be modified to reduce undue burdens on applicants.

16 THEREFORE, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana requests
17 the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to study and evaluate whether
18 the water well driller licensure requirements of two years of drilling experience and two
19 professional references may be made less burdensome.

20 THEREFORE, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana requests
21 the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to report its findings to the
22 House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2027 Regular Session.

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