

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 268

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

LOCAL FINANCE. Provides for lead service line replacement. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:4081.2, relative to water systems; to provide with respect to
3 municipalities and municipal water systems; to provide relative to lead service line
4 replacement; to provide for right-of-entry; to provide with respect to terms, conditions, and
5 procedures; to provide for notice and notice requirements; to provide for definitions; to
6 provide for funding; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 33:4081.2 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§4081.2. Lead service line replacement; right-of-entry**

10 **A. A municipality may adopt an ordinance that allows the municipality**
11 **or municipal water system, or any agent thereof, to enter a property within the**
12 **municipality to perform a lead service line replacement, provided that the**
13 **municipality provides the owner and any residents of the property with notice**
14 **at least seven days before entering the property, unless in the case of an**
15 **emergency as determined by the municipality or municipal water system. A**
16 **municipality may not enter into a property that is not directly related to**
17 **performing a lead service line replacement.**

1 **B. For the purposes of this Section, notice to the owner and any residents**
2 **of the property shall include an attempt to inform the owner and any residents,**
3 **in person, of the date and time of the lead service line replacement, and if the**
4 **owner or a resident is unable to be reached in person, the municipality shall**
5 **send, by certified mail, a letter to the owner and any residents or post a written**
6 **notice in a prominent location on the property which shall include:**

7 **(1) The scheduled date and time of the lead service line replacement and**
8 **who will be performing the replacement.**

9 **(2) The likely extent of water service disruption.**

10 **(3) Nearby locations where the municipality or a public water system is**
11 **distributing supplementary drinking water, if any.**

12 **(4) Any remedies that the municipality shall take if the municipality or**
13 **municipal water system, or an agent thereof, is unable to access the property.**

14 **C. In addition to the notice requirements of Subsection B of this Section,**
15 **a municipality shall send, by certified mail, a letter to the owner after the**
16 **completion of the replacement stating the approximate time that the**
17 **replacement occurred, and providing a brief summary of the work performed.**

18 **D. As used in this Section:**

19 **(1) "Municipal water system" means a municipal utilities authority,**
20 **water district, waterworks, water commission, joint meeting or any other**
21 **political subdivision of the state authorized, pursuant to law, to operate or**
22 **maintain a public water system or to construct, rehabilitate, operate, or**
23 **maintain water supply facilities or otherwise provide water for human**
24 **consumption.**

25 **(2) "Service line" means the pipe, tubing, and fittings connecting a**
26 **municipal water main to a building or structure, and also includes the water**
27 **meter for the property.**

