

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 463

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

DISTRICTS/COMMUNICATIONS: Provides relative to emergency communications service charges

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:9109(C)(2), relative to communications districts; to provide  
3 relative to commercial mobile radio services; to provide relative to emergency  
4 telephone service charges; to increase the maximum allowable emergency telephone  
5 service charge; to provide for an annual report; to provide for requirements to levy  
6 a service charge; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 33:9109(C)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §9109. Additional service charge on wireless telecommunications service

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11 C. Service charge. The governing authority of any district may levy a  
12 CMRS emergency telephone service charge subject to and in accordance with the  
13 provisions of this Subsection. Such service charge:

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15 (2)(a) Shall not exceed ~~one dollar and twenty-five cents~~ two dollars per  
16 month per wireless CMRS connection or the rate which the district levies or is  
17 authorized to levy on CMRS users on August 1, 2016, whichever is higher.

18 ~~(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph,~~  
19 ~~the governing authority of the Terrebonne Parish Communications District may levy~~  
20 ~~a CMRS emergency telephone service charge of not more than one dollar and eighty-~~  
21 ~~five cents per month per wireless CMRS connection.~~



Proposed law increases the maximum CMRS emergency telephone service charge amount the governing authority of a communications district is authorized to levy from \$1.25 to \$2 per month per wireless CMRS connection. Otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law requires each communications district that levies a service charge pursuant to present and proposed law to submit an annual report to the legislative committees on commerce and to the governing authority of the parish or municipality in which the district is located.

Proposed law provides for what the report shall include.

Proposed law prohibits the district from levying a service charge in excess of \$1.25 per month unless both of the following occur:

- (1) The proposed increase is approved by a majority vote of the governing district.
- (2) The district conducts at least one public hearing on the proposed increase, with notice published in the official journal of the parish or municipality at least 10 days prior to the hearing.

Effective on January 1, 2027.

(Amends R.S. 33:9109(C)(2))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add that each communications district that levies a service charge pursuant to present and proposed law shall submit an annual report to the legislative committees on commerce and to the governing authority of the parish or municipality.
3. Provide under what circumstances a communications district can levy a service charge in excess of \$1.25 per month.

#### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Remove language regarding the governing authority of the Terrebonne Parish Communications District's ability to levy a service charge of not more than \$1.85 per month.
3. Amend proposed law to provide that the proposed increase outlined in proposed law is required to be approved by a majority vote of the governing district.