
DIGEST

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HB 463 Reengrossed

2026 Regular Session

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Abstract: Increases the maximum allowable wireless commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) emergency telephone service charge.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of a communications district to levy a CMRS emergency telephone service charge in an amount not to exceed \$1.25 per month per wireless CMRS connection or the rate which the district levies or is authorized to levy on CMRS users on August 1, 2016, whichever is higher.

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.