

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY REPRESENTATIVES WRIGHT AND JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

To create and provide with respect to a select committee of the House of Representatives to study the potential establishment of a state income tax credit for water utility customers who pay excessive rates for residential water service and to report findings and recommendations to the members of the House of Representatives no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2027 Regular Session.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana places a high priority on ensuring the availability of safe and affordable drinking water for the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Public Service Commission (PSC) regulates privately owned water utilities in this state through oversight of those utilities' service quality, regulatory compliance, and rates; and

WHEREAS, despite PSC oversight of water utility rates, many utility customers pay excessive charges for their residential water service; and

WHEREAS, the legislature frequently considers bills proposing tax preferences for individuals facing various forms of financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to call for a study to determine whether a viable solution involving tax policy exists for the problem of excessive rates charged to residential water utility customers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a select committee to study the potential establishment of a state income tax credit for water utility customers who pay excessive rates for residential water service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the select committee shall be named the "Select House Committee on Water Utility Tax Credits" and shall be composed of the following seven members:

(1) Three members from the House Committee on Commerce appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

(2) Three members from the House Committee on Ways and Means appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) One state representative from the Northshore Legislative Delegation appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state representative from the Northshore Legislative Delegation shall serve as chair of the select committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate staff to assist the committee in its work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the select committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the members of the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2027 Regular Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislative authority for the select committee shall terminate upon the convening of the 2027 Regular Session.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES