

1 WHEREAS, the Louisiana House of Representatives has an interest in understanding
2 the long-term financial sustainability, governance structures, infrastructure investments, and
3 consumer impacts associated with municipal utility systems participating in LEPA.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create the LEPA Municipal Utility Task Force to study
6 the operations, affordability, governance, infrastructure, and consumer impacts associated
7 with municipal electric utility systems participating in LEPA.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following
9 members:

10 (1) One member from the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority appointed by the
11 chair of the authority.

12 (2) One member from the Public Service Commission appointed by its secretary.

13 (3) One member from the legislative auditor's office appointed by the legislative
14 auditor.

15 (4) One member from the Louisiana Municipal Association appointed by its
16 executive director.

17 (5) Four members from different municipal utility systems participating in LEPA
18 appointed by the executive director of the Louisiana Municipal Association.

19 (6) One member with expertise in utility infrastructure or energy finance appointed
20 by the secretary of the Public Service Commission.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall examine and provide
22 findings regarding all of the following topics:

23 (1) Utility rate structures and affordability impacts on residential customers.

24 (2) Fuel adjustment charges and related billing practices.

25 (3) Governance and oversight structures of LEPA-member systems.

26 (4) Infrastructure costs, maintenance obligations, and capital improvement needs.

27 (5) Reserve balances and financial sustainability practices.

28 (6) Comparisons between LEPA-member systems and other municipal or
29 investor-owned utility providers.

30 (7) Consumer transparency and accessibility of billing information.

1 (8) Opportunities to improve accountability, affordability, infrastructure reliability,
2 and operational efficiency.

3 (9) Recommendations for legislative or administrative actions that may assist in
4 reducing utility burdens on Louisiana residents.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report of
6 findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate
7 Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs and to the David
8 R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than
9 February 1, 2027.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each designating authority shall submit the
11 names of designees to the task force to the Public Service Commission no later than August
12 1, 2026.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the first meeting, the members shall elect a
14 chair and other officers as the task force may deem appropriate.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall convene for its first meeting
16 no later than September 1, 2026, at the call of the secretary of the Public Service
17 Commission.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be staffed by the Public
19 Service Commission.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force shall constitute a
21 quorum for the transaction of business. All official actions of the task force shall require the
22 affirmative vote of a majority of the members.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rules of Order of the House of
24 Representatives or applicable Joint Rules shall apply to all meetings of the task force.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve
26 without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be
27 individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that meetings of the task force shall be subject to the
29 Open Meetings Law, R.S. 42:11 et seq., and records of the task force shall be subject to the
30 Public Records Law, R.S. 44:1 et seq.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate following the
2 conclusion of its business or February 1, 2027, whichever occurs first.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
4 chair of the Louisiana Energy and Power Authority, the secretary of the Public Service
5 Commission, the legislative auditor, and the executive director of the Louisiana Municipal
6 Association.

DIGEST

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