2016 Regular Session
HOUSE BILL NO. 249

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARMODY

UTILITIES: Provides relative to the regulation of regional notification centers

AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1749.18(B)(introductory paragraph) and (4) and to enact R.S. 40:1749.18(B)(5), relative to underground utilities and facilities damage prevention; to amend the requirements for certification as a regional notification center; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
Section 1. R.S. 40:1749.18(B)(introductory paragraph) and (4) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1749.18(B)(5) is enacted to read as follows: §1749.18. Certification of a regional notification center by Department of Public Safety and Corrections
B. For the purposes of promoting cost effectiveness, ease of use, safety, and the protection of property, workmen, and citizens from damage, injury, and death, Streht the rules and regulations shall include but not be limited to requirements that the any regional notification center, that is either certified or that applies for certification pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter, must shall have and maintain the following:

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(4) Specifically defined geopolitical services areas that are coterminous with
parish boundaries and do not overlap any other defined service area.
(5) Any other requirements that may be necessary for a regional notification center to properly perform the duties and functions required under this Part.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

## DIGEST

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Abstract: Amends the certification requirements relative to regional notification centers.
Present law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS\&C) to promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to establish a certification program for regional notification centers in this state.

Present law requires the rules and regulations promulgated by DPS\&C to include requirements enumerated by present law. Proposed law clarifies that the requirements are for the purposes of promoting cost effectiveness, ease of use, safety, and the protection of property, workmen, and citizens from damage, injury, and death. Proposed law adds specifically defined geopolitical services areas that are coterminous with parish boundaries and do not overlap any other defined service area to the nonexclusive list of requirements imposed on the rules and regulations relative to the certification of regional notification centers.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.
(Amends R.S. 40:1749.18(B)(intro. para.) and (4); Adds 40:1749.18(B)(5))

