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2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 249

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BY REPRESENTATIVE CARMODY

UTILITIES: Provides relative to the regulation of regional notification centers

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1749.18(B)(introductory paragraph) and (4) and to enact R.S.
3	40:1749.18(B)(5), relative to underground utilities and facilities damage prevention;
4	to amend the requirements for certification as a regional notification center; to
5	provide for exceptions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related
6	matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 40:1749.18(B)(introductory paragraph) and (4) are hereby amended
9	and reenacted and R.S. 40:1749.18(B)(5) is enacted to read as follows:
10	§1749.18. Certification of a regional notification center by Department of Public
11	Safety and Corrections
12	* * *
13	B. For the purposes of promoting cost effectiveness, ease of use, safety, and
14	the protection of property, workmen, and citizens from damage, injury, and death,
15	Such the rules and regulations shall include but not be limited to requirements that
16	the any regional notification center, that is either certified or that applies for
17	certification pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter, must shall have and maintain
18	the following:
19	* * *
20	(4)(a) Specifically defined geopolitical services areas that are coterminous
21	with parish boundaries and do not overlap any other defined service area.

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1 (b) The provisions of Paragraph (4) of this Subsection shall apply only to 2 those regional notification centers described in R.S. 40:1749.12(13)(a). 3 (5) Any other requirements that may be necessary for a regional notification 4 center to properly perform the duties and functions required under this Part. 5 6 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 7 8 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If 9 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become 10 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Amends the certification requirements relative to regional notification centers.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Present law</u> requires the rules and regulations promulgated by DPS&C to include requirements enumerated by <u>present law</u>. <u>Proposed law</u> 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. <u>Proposed law</u> 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. <u>Proposed law</u> clarifies that the provisions of <u>proposed law</u> shall apply only to certain regional notification centers as identified in <u>present law</u> (R.S. 40:1749.12).

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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Commerce</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

- 1. Make technical changes.
- 2. Exempt specified regional notification centers from certain geographic requirements.

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