

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 143

BY REPRESENTATIVE JIMMY HARRIS

WATER/DRINKING WATER: Urges the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans to study and report on the prevalence of lead user service lines in its drinking water distribution system

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans to study the prevalence
3 of lead user service lines in its drinking water distribution system and to report
4 findings of the study to the state health officer and the Orleans Delegation of the
5 legislature.

6 WHEREAS, as evidenced by its enactment of Act No. 632 of the 2018 Regular
7 Session and Act No. 263 of the 2017 Regular Session, the Legislature of Louisiana has
8 serious concerns regarding the condition of drinking water, as well as a sincere interest in
9 improving the quality of drinking water, for the people of our state; and

10 WHEREAS, lead in public water systems is a threat to public health; and

11 WHEREAS, public water systems should take every necessary action to mitigate
12 risks associated with lead in drinking water; and

13 WHEREAS, certain public water systems in Louisiana may not have complete
14 knowledge and data concerning the existence of lead in their water distribution systems due
15 to the age of their infrastructure, inadequate recordkeeping, the addition of service areas for
16 which records were not properly maintained, or a combination of these factors.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Sewerage and Water Board of
19 New Orleans to study the prevalence of lead user service lines in its drinking water
20 distribution system.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans
2 shall submit a report of its findings resulting from the study called for in this Resolution to
3 the state health officer and the Orleans Delegation of the legislature no later than December
4 31, 2019.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
6 executive director of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, the state health officer,
7 and each member of the Orleans Delegation of the legislature.

DIGEST

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