

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 304

BY SENATOR HARRIS

WATER/SEWER OPERATORS. Provides for the organization of the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board. (gov sig)

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 33:4071.1, relative to the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board; to provide relative to the creation of committee to oversee implementation of certain objectives; to provide relative to reporting and oversight; to provide relative to membership; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:4071.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§4071.1. Oversight and Accountability Committee

An oversight committee consisting of five members who shall advise, monitor, and report to the Louisiana Senate on the progress of the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board to meet the following objectives:

(1) Evaluate the governance of the sewerage and water board, its organizational structure, and its funding.

(2) Mandate a special master for the resolution of sewerage and water board billing disputes.

(3) Support capital outlay funding for the critical sewerage and water

1 **board power plant project.**

2 **(4) Explore a storm water management plan in the city of New Orleans.**

3 **(5) Work with the legislature to facilitate access to the funding available**
4 **for replacing lead lines.**

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Emily Toler.

DIGEST

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- (4) Explore a storm water management plan in New Orleans.
- (5) Work with the legislature to facilitate access to the funding available for replacing lead lines.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 33:4071.1)