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**HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Hilferty to Engrossed House Bill No. 965 by Representative Hilferty

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 11, change "Residential customer" to "Customer"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 14, after "determined by" change "averaging the customer's recent bills," to  
5 "calculating the average monthly cost of the customer's service based on his recent water  
6 meter readings,"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 2, at the beginning of line 2, delete "residential"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 2, line 5, after "appoint" change "one arbiter" to "two arbiters"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 5

12 On page 2, at the end of line 6, insert "One arbiter from each district shall be appointed to  
13 serve on the residential arbitration team, and one arbiter from each district shall be appointed  
14 to serve on the commercial arbitration team."

15 AMENDMENT NO. 6

16 On page 2, line 8, after "referred to the" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 9 and  
17 insert "appropriate arbitration team."

18 AMENDMENT NO. 7

19 On page 2, delete lines 10 and 11, and insert the following:

20 "(3) Each arbitration team shall hold regularly scheduled appointment days  
21 at a public facility in each of the councilmanic districts to discuss cases with  
22 particular customers. Each team shall hold at least two appointment days per month  
23 in each councilmanic district. At least one member of the team shall meet with each  
24 customer in a private location at the public facility and shall review the evidence  
25 pertaining to the customer's dispute."

26 AMENDMENT NO. 8

27 On page 2, line 12, after "on his" change "review, the" to "review and consultation with the  
28 other arbiters of his team, an"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 9

2 On page 2, after line 20, insert the following:

3 "C. For purposes of this Section, "residential customer" refers to a customer  
4 who resides in a single family residence or multifamily residence with four or fewer  
5 units. "Commercial customer" refers to any customer that is not a residential  
6 customer.

7 Section 2. Each residential customer of services of the sewerage and water  
8 board shall be presented with the amount of his fixed rate bill pursuant to R.S.  
9 33:4159.3(A) as enacted by this Act within one hundred twenty days of the effective  
10 date of this Act.

11 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor  
12 or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law  
13 without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the  
14 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by  
15 the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval."