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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 305

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WATER/DRINKING WATER: Creates the Task Force on Southeast Louisiana Regional
Water Purification Operations

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create the Task Force on Southeast Louisiana Regional Water Purification Operations to
3 study the feasibility of building a water purification facility to service the parishes
4 of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, and St. Charles and to provide a
5 written report of findings and recommendations regarding the best strategies and
6 procedures for the operation and management of such facility to the governing
7 authorities of the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, and St.
8 Charles, the members of the legislative delegation for each parish, and the City
9 Services Coalition no later than March 15, 2026.

10 WHEREAS, the provision of safe drinking water for public use and consumption is
11 of the highest priority; and

12 WHEREAS, public water systems should take every necessary action to mitigate
13 risks to safe drinking water; and

14 WHEREAS, the City Services Coalition has examined concerns regarding the
15 condition of drinking water in the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard,
16 and St. Charles, as well as a sincere interest in improving the quality of drinking water for
17 the people living in the region; and

18 WHEREAS, the coalition has determined that safe drinking water for the parishes
19 of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, and St. Charles has been periodically
20 challenged by saltwater intrusion in recent years; and

1 WHEREAS, the building of a water purification facility in St. Charles Parish, in
2 collaboration with the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, and St. Bernard, would
3 offer safe drinking water for the region by consolidating water purification services; and

4 WHEREAS, the building of a water purification facility could be implemented
5 through state legislation that creates a political subdivision or through cooperative endeavor
6 agreements establishing an intergovernmental compact among the participating parishes; and

7 WHEREAS, a collaborative effort is essential in order to develop responsible
8 practices to improve and maintain the quality of drinking water in the region.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create the Task Force on Southeast Regional Water
11 Purification Operations to study the feasibility of building a water purification facility to
12 service the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, and St. Charles and to
13 provide a written report of findings and recommendations regarding the best strategies and
14 procedures for the operation and management of such facility to the governing authorities
15 of the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, and St. Charles, the members
16 of the legislative delegation for each parish, and the City Services Coalition no later than
17 March 15, 2026.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the
19 following members:

20 (1) The governor shall appoint one member who is a resident of one of the parishes
21 of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, or St. Charles.

22 (2) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member who is
23 a resident of one of the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, or
24 St. Charles.

25 (3) The parish president of the parish of Jefferson shall appoint one member who is
26 a resident of the parish.

27 (4) The parish president of the parish of Plaquemines shall appoint one member who
28 is a resident of the parish.

29 (5) The parish president of the parish of St. Bernard shall appoint one member who
30 is a resident of the parish.

1 (6) The parish president of the parish of St. Charles shall appoint one member who
2 is a resident of the parish.

3 (7) The mayor of the city of New Orleans shall appoint one member who is a
4 resident of the city of New Orleans.

5 (8) The governing authority of the parish of Jefferson shall appoint one member who
6 is a resident of the parish.

7 (9) The governing authority of the parish of Orleans shall appoint one member who
8 is a resident of the parish.

9 (10) The governing authority of the parish of Plaquemines shall appoint one member
10 who is a resident of the parish.

11 (11) The governing authority of the parish of St. Bernard shall appoint one member
12 who is a resident of the parish.

13 (12) The governing authority of the parish of St. Charles shall appoint one member
14 who is a resident of the parish.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the member appointed by the governor shall
16 serve as the chairman of the task force, and the member appointed by the speaker of the
17 House of Representatives shall serve as the vice chairman.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman shall call the first meeting of the
19 task force, and the meeting shall be held no later than August 1, 2025.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all members of the task force shall be appointed
21 no later than July 1, 2025.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the City Services Coalition shall
23 provide staff support for the task force.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may cooperate with all agencies,
25 departments, and political subdivisions of the state of Louisiana in all undertakings the
26 purpose of which shall be the furtherance of the objects and purposes of the task force.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
28 governing authorities of the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, and
29 St. Charles, the members of the legislative delegation of each parish, and the City Services
30 Coalition.

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