RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides relative to emergency communications service charges.

Prior law authorized the governing authority of a communications district to levy a commercial mobile radio service, or CMRS emergency telephone service charge in an amount not to exceed $1.25 per month per wireless CMRS connection or the rate which the district levies or is authorized to levy on CMRS users on August 1, 2016, whichever is higher.

New law increases the maximum CMRS emergency telephone service charge amount the governing authority of a communications district may levy from $1.25 to $2 per month per wireless CMRS connection. Otherwise retains existing law.

Prior law allowed the governing authority of the Terrebonne Parish Communications District to levy a CMRS emergency telephone service charge of not more than $1.85 per month per wireless CMRS connection.

New law repeals prior law.

New law prohibits the district from levying a service charge in excess of $1.25 per month unless both of the following occur:

(1) The proposed increase is approved by a majority vote of the governing district.

(2) The district conducts at least one public hearing on the proposed increase, with notice published in the official journal of the parish or municipality at least 10 days prior to the hearing.

Existing law requires the district to notify, by certified mail, return receipt requested, each service supplier of the adoption of the resolution or ordinance provided for in existing law.

New law clarifies that the district is required to notify each service supplier providing service in the district, through its registered agent for service of process in this state, when applicable, of the adoption of the resolution or ordinance provided for in new and existing law.

Existing law provides that no later than the first of May of each year, the 911 districts are required to submit a consolidated report of statewide 911 communication activity to both the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs in the La. Legislature.

New law retains existing law and adds that a copy of the consolidated report is required to be submitted to the governing authority of each parish in which a 911 district included in the report is located. Each communications district shall post the consolidated report on its public website, if it maintains a public website, within 10 calendar days after submission.

Existing law requires the report to include all expenditures for each 911 district and all expenditures statewide.

New law adds to existing law to require the accounting to identify, at a minimum and where applicable, expenditures for PSAP personnel and administrative costs and PSAP operating costs, including Next Generation 911 implementation and associated costs for new equipment, services, equipment upgrades, and training.

New law further adds to existing law to require that the report includes performance metrics, including average call answer times and call processing times.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 33:9109(C)(2) and (7)(b) and 9109.2(C)(1) and (2)(b); Adds R.S. 33:9109.2(C)(2)(e))