

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 96

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

DISTRICTS/WATERWORKS: Provides relative to the selection and terms of fiscal agents of waterworks districts

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:3817(C)(1), relative to waterworks districts; to provide
3 relative to the appointment of a fiscal agent for such districts; to provide for the term
4 of a fiscal agent; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 33:3817(C)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §3817. Officers of board of commissioners of district; fiscal agent

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9 (C)(1)(a) The board of commissioners of the water district shall, at the time
10 of their organization, select one of the solvent chartered banks within the parish
11 where the district is organized in which all of the money of the district shall be
12 deposited.

13 ~~(b) They shall thereafter on~~ On the first Monday in June ~~annually of any year~~
14 in which the term of a fiscal agent expires, the board of commissioners shall elect a
15 fiscal agent for a term of no more than three years.

16 (c) The board shall advertise its intent to select a fiscal agent at least after an
17 advertisement of fifteen days prior to the election in a newspaper published in the
18 district, and if there ~~be no~~ is not a newspaper published within the district, then in the
19 official journal of the parish where the district is located; however, the board of

1 commissioners may renew the election of a fiscal agent for one additional term
2 without such advertisement.

3 (~~d) provided, however, that any~~ Any funds received by the Lafourche water
4 district from or for its sewerage system shall be maintained within the same or a
5 separate account, as directed by the Lafourche Parish Police Jury.

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7 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on the first Monday in
8 June, 2014.

DIGEST

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Broadwater

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Abstract: Authorizes the board of commissioners of waterworks districts to appoint a fiscal agent for a period of up to three years rather than just one year.

Present law allows police juries to divide their respective parishes into waterworks districts.

Present law provides that the police jury shall appoint commissioners to govern waterworks districts.

Present law provides that a waterworks district shall elect a fiscal agent every year. Requires an advertisement in a local newspaper prior to each election.

Proposed law allows a waterworks district to elect a fiscal agent to serve a period of up to three years. Further authorizes a district to renew the election of a fiscal agent for one term without the advertisement required by present law.

Effective on the first Monday in June (June 2), 2014.

(Amends R.S. 33:3817(C)(1))