DIGEST

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Montoucet HB No. 1249

Abstract: Provides relative to the fees paid by certain motor carriers and public utilities subject to the control of the Public Service Commission for the inspection and control and supervision of their business service and rates.

<u>Present law</u> requires certain motor carriers and public utilities subject to the control of the Public Service Commission (commission) to pay fees for the inspection, control, and supervision of their business service and rates.

<u>Present law</u> provides that such fees shall be paid quarterly and be in a certain amount per \$1,000 of certain gross receipts, less or in excess of a certain amount or range of such carriers and utilities.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the fees paid to the commission shall be \$.59 per \$1,000 of such gross receipts in excess of \$100 million.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the fee <u>from</u> \$.59 to \$.63.5.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that such inspection and supervision fees shall not be applicable to any nonprofit water utility cooperative or corporation wholly owned by water user members.

Effective January 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 45:1177(A)(1), (2)(k), (4), and (5); Adds R.S. 45:1177(A)(6))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Commerce to the original bill.

- 1. Restored R.S. 45:1177(A)(2)(j) as it is in <u>present law</u> (fees paid to the commission shall be \$.75 per \$1,000 of such gross receipts in excess of \$25 million and not more than \$100 million).
- 2. Provided that the fees paid to the commission shall be \$.63.5 rather than \$.59 per \$1,000 of such gross receipts in excess of \$100 million.
- 3. Made technical corrections.

4. Provided an effective date of January 1, 2015.