BY SENATOR MURRAY

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 33:4071(F), relative to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans; to
3	provide relative to the governing authority of the Sewerage and Water Board; to
4	provide for release of obligations of indebtedness; to provide for an effective date;
5	and to provide for related matters.
6	Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 33:4071(F) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
9	PART III. CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
10	§4071. Creation and organization of sewerage and water board
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12	F. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the board may
13	adopt rules and procedures authorizing the adjusting, releasing, or
14	extinguishing of any indebtedness from a customer's sewerage and water bill.
15	The rule shall limit the board's compromising authority to appropriate
16	instances in which any of the following occur:
17	(1) Instances of error on the part of the district such as equipment failure
18	or process failure, and in such instances, only to the extent the failure increased
19	the customer's indebtedness.
20	(2) Instances in which an employee of the board, or a person acting on
21	behalf of the board, fails to read a customer's water meter regardless of whether
22	the board has submitted an invoice to the customer for an amount owed during
23	any such period.
24	(3) Instances of error not on the part of the customer due to unforeseen
25	damage or an extreme weather-related event or mandatory evacuation, and in
26	such instances, only to the extent the situation increased the customer's
27	indebtedness.

1 (4) Instances where the customer is disproportionately impoverished or 2 needy and qualifies for an adjustment, release, or extinguishment pursuant to 3 an established social welfare program of the district. 4 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not 5 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If 6 7 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become 8 effective on the day following such approval. PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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APPROVED: