

**SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS****SB 227****2018 Regular Session****Morrell****KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

LOCAL AGENCIES. Provides for membership of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans for reports generated by the board. (See Act)

**SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL****CONSTITUTIONALLY DEFECTIVE TITLE - LACK OF CITATION**

1. Clarifies that the chair of the public works committee of the city council will either serve as a member of the board or appoint a member who must be a member of the committee or a civil engineer.
2. Restores current mayoral appointments of two members of the board of liquidation, city debt rather than one member.
3. Reduces the number of mayoral appointments of citizens from eight to seven.
4. Restores provisions for board quorum of six members rather than seven members.
5. Adds requirement that an electronic mail report be sent to members of the Orleans legislative delegation and governing authority of the parish as to pumping and electrical power and the available manpower no later than 24 hours prior to a hurricane entering the Gulf of Mexico or 48 hours after a flood watch or warning or thunderstorm watch or warning is issued for any area of Orleans Parish.

**DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE**

SB 227 Reengrossed

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Present law provides that the public water, sewerage, and drainage systems of the city of New Orleans shall be constructed, controlled, maintained, and operated by the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans.

Present law provides for the board to be composed of the mayor, two syndicate members of the board of liquidation, city debt, and eight members appointed by the mayor from a list of nominees submitted by the Sewerage and Water Board Selection Committee. The mayor's appointments shall include one member from each of the five councilmen's districts within the city of New Orleans and two members who shall be consumer advocates with community advocacy or consumer protection experience or experience in a related field.

Proposed law retains these provisions but requires that one of the five appointed from the councilmanic districts be a retired civil engineer.

Proposed law retains provisions that the citizen appointees are subject to confirmation by the city council. Retains current provisions that six members constitute a quorum.

Proposed law removes one of the appointments granted to the mayor and adds the chair of the public works committee of the city council, a member of the committee appointed by the chair, or a civil engineer appointed by the chair. Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Present law requires the board to submit quarterly reports to the city council. Proposed law retains present law and additionally establishes submission deadlines and requires that additional content be included in the report. Proposed law provides that if reports are not timely submitted, the executive director must attend the next city council meeting and explain the reasons for the delay.

Proposed law requires that the board send a report, by electronic mail, to the members of the Orleans Parish legislative delegation and the members of the governing authority of Orleans Parish detailing the pumping and electrical power of its facilities and the available manpower no later than twenty-four hours prior to a hurricane entering the Gulf of Mexico as determined by the National Weather Service and no later than forty-eight hours after a flood watch or warning or thunderstorm watch or warning is issued by the National Weather Service for any area of Orleans Parish.

Proposed law takes effect on the first day of January following an election at which a majority of the voters of the city of New Orleans approve an amendment to the home rule charter of the city to change the composition of the sewerage and water board to provide the identical composition of the board as contained in proposed law and terminates the terms of members serving on the board on that date. Proposed law is not to be construed to prevent the reappointment to the board of a member in office on the effective date of proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 33:4071(A)(1), (2)(a), (4), (5), 4074, and 4091(C)(intro para); adds R.S. 33:4091(C)(8), (D), (E), and (F))

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