

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2024 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Local and Municipal Affairs to Original Senate Bill No. 305 by Senator Harris

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "To" insert "amend and reenact "R.S. 33:4071 and to"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 3, after "relative to" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 4 and
5 insert the following:

6 "provide relative to the development of a coordinated flood prevention plan; to provide
7 relative to the responsibility for drainage operations in the city of New Orleans; to provide
8 relative to funding; and to provide for"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 1, line 8, change "R.S. 4071.2 is" to "R.S. 33:4071 is amended and reenacted and
11 R.S. 33:4071.2 is"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 4

13 On page 1, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

14 "§4071 Creation and organization of sewerage and water board
15 A.(1) The public water system, the public sewerage system, and the public
16 drainage system of the city of New Orleans shall be constructed, controlled,
17 maintained, and operated by a sewerage and water board to be composed as follows:
18 * * *
19 (b) The chair of the Public Works, Sanitation and Environment Committee
20 of the New Orleans city council, or an appointment selected by the council
21 president with a background in engineering, law or consumer advocacy selected
22 with the advice and consent of the city council, ~~a member of the committee~~
23 ~~appointed by the chair, or a civil engineer appointed by the chair.~~ Any member
24 appointed by the chair shall serve at the pleasure of the chair.
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26 AMENDMENT NO. 5

27 On page 1, delete lines 9 through 11, and insert the following:

28 "§4071.2 Drainage Operations; city of New Orleans
29 A. At the beginning of every year, the Louisiana Department of
30 Transportation and Development and the Governor's Office of Homeland
31 Security and Emergency Preparedness shall meet with the Sewerage and Water
32 Board of New Orleans executive director and his team to develop a coordinated
33 flood prevention plan. The purpose of the meeting shall be to identify areas that
34 need to be addressed in order to allow for proper drainage. The plan shall be
35 presented to the Secretary of Louisiana Department of Transportation and
36 Development and members of the New Orleans Delegation and the city of New
37 Orleans.
38 B.(1) The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans shall be
39 responsible for all drainage operations in the city of New Orleans. The city of
40 new Orleans shall transfer all employees and equipment used for drainage
41 maintenance to the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board.

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(2)The city of New Orleans shall allocate on an annual basis to the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board the same level of funding the New Orleans Department of Public Works utilized in fiscal year 2023 for drainage operations. Any other increases in funding by the city of New Orleans to the New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board shall be subject to New Orleans City Council approval.

C. The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, the city of New Orleans, and the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans shall work together to develop a city wide resilience plan. The city of New Orleans, the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority shall sign a collective bargaining agreement to assist in the coordination of the city of New Orleans award of one hundred forty one million and three hundred thousand from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development National Disaster Resilience Grant."