

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 263 (HB 533)**

**2017 Regular Session**

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New law requires the La. Department of Health (LDH) to lead a collaborative effort to evaluate the issues and conditions of drinking water treatment and distribution in communities throughout La. by performing a thorough evaluation of all of the following:

- (1) The sanitary survey results for each water utility system across La.
- (2) The effects deteriorating systems have on the safety, health, and well-being of La. families, communities, and businesses.

New law requires LDH to engage and solicit, as necessary, input, recommendations, and guidance from interested parties and stakeholders including but not limited to any of the following:

- (1) State and local agencies involved in the regulation, treatment, and distribution of drinking water.
- (2) Technical experts at the university and consulting levels.
- (3) Water utility system owners and operators, community members, and state legislators from areas with known public water quality issues.

New law requires LDH to develop a report of the results of the collaborative effort, including findings, recommendations, and proposed legislation, if necessary, and to submit the report to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare no later than 30 days prior to the convening of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session.

New law requires LDH to submit an interim progress report no later than 30 days prior to the convening of the regular legislative session of each year until the final report is submitted.

New law terminates on December 31, 2020.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 40:1290.1-1290.4)