

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 355

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROSSETT

SEWERAGE/NO WATER BD: Provides relative to the authority of the mayor to designate a person to attend meetings of the sewerage and water board of New Orleans in his absence

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4071(B) and to enact R.S. 33:4071(A)(3), relative to the city  
3 of New Orleans; to provide relative to the sewerage and water board of the city; to  
4 provide relative to the authority of the mayor to designate a person to attend  
5 meetings of the board in his absence; to provide relative to the qualifications and  
6 powers and duties of any such person; and to provide for related matters.

7 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published  
8 as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of  
9 Louisiana.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 33:4071(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 33:4071(A)(3)  
12 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 §4071. Creation and organization of sewerage and water board

14 A.

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16 (3) If the mayor is unable to attend a meeting of the sewerage and water  
17 board, he may be represented at any such meeting by a person designated by the  
18 mayor who shall be an unclassified member of the mayor's administration. Any such  
19 person shall have all rights and powers granted to the mayor with regard to any such

1 meeting and shall have the right to vote for or in the stead of the absent mayor. In  
2 addition, any such person shall be counted for purposes of a quorum.

3 B.(1) Each of the citizen members must be a registered voter in the area from  
4 which he is appointed, and he must have been a resident of the area for two years  
5 previous to his appointment.

6 (2) Any person designated by the mayor to attend a meeting of the sewerage  
7 and water board in his absence shall be a resident and qualified voter of the city of  
8 New Orleans.

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10 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
11 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
12 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
13 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
14 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Relative to the sewerage and water board of New Orleans, authorizes the mayor to designate a person to attend meetings of the board in his absence.

Present law (R.S. 33:4071) establishes the sewerage and water board of the city of New Orleans. Provides for the composition of the board, which includes the mayor of the city. Provides further with respect to the powers and duties of the board.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally authorizes the mayor to designate a person to attend meetings of the board in his absence. Requires that the designee be an unclassified member of the mayor's administration. Proposed law grants the designee all rights and powers granted to the mayor with regard to the meetings. Further authorizes the designee to vote for or in the stead of the absent mayor and requires that the designee be counted for purposes of a quorum. Further requires the designee to be a resident and qualified voter of the city of New Orleans.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 33:4071(B); Adds R.S. 33:4071(A)(3))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill.

1. Requires that the designee be an unclassified member of the mayor's administration.