

**ACT No. 626**

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 577

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:3815.5, relative to the parishes of Grant and Rapides; to provide relative  
3 to Waterworks District No. 3 of Rapides Parish; to provide relative to water services  
4 supplied by the district to the residents of the parishes of Grant and Rapides; to  
5 authorize the district to acquire a privately owned water system located in Grant  
6 Parish for the purpose of supplying such services; to prohibit the district from  
7 acquiring any such system until the governing authorities of the district and Grant  
8 Parish enter into an inter-governmental agreement relative to the maintenance and  
9 operation of the system and the supply of water services; and to provide for related  
10 matters.

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

14 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

15 Section 1. R.S. 33:3815.5 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

16 §3815.5. Waterworks District No. 3 of Rapides Parish; authority to acquire privately  
17 owned system in Grant Parish

18 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, Waterworks  
19 District No. 3 of Rapides Parish may acquire, by donation, one privately owned  
20 water system located in Grant Parish for the purpose of supplying water services to  
21 the residents of the parishes of Grant and Rapides. The district may acquire all  
22 property or facilities owned by any such system and may acquire all machinery  
23 deemed necessary by the district to maintain and operate the system. The district  
24 shall own in full ownership all property or facilities acquired pursuant to the  
25 provisions of this Subsection, and all such property or facilities shall be considered  
26 publicly owned by the district.

1           B. The district shall not acquire any water system pursuant to the provisions  
 2           of Subsection A of this Section until the governing authorities of the district and the  
 3           parish of Grant enter into an inter-governmental agreement that provides for the  
 4           operation and maintenance of the system, including any expansion of the system's  
 5           water lines, and requires the district to provide water services to the residents of the  
 6           parish of Grant.

7           C. The provisions of this Section shall not be construed as to void the  
 8           provisions of any inter-governmental agreement between the parishes of Grant and  
 9           Rapides in effect prior to the effective date of this Section, and the district may  
 10          continue to supply water services to the residents of the parishes of Grant and  
 11          Rapides pursuant to any inter-governmental agreement between the district and the  
 12          parishes of Grant and Rapides in effect prior to the effective date of this Section for  
 13          as long as the agreement remains in effect.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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