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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 44:4.1(B)(35) and to enact Subpart B of Part VI-C of Chapter 39 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S. 51:2370.21 through 2370.33, relative to grants for broadband expansion; to provide for the creation of the GUMBO 2.0 program; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for administration fees and their use; to require the promulgation of rules; to provide for the grant process and its funding; to provide for administrative and judicial review; to require the submission of certain reports; to provide for the disbursement and reimbursement of certain funds; to provide parameters for the failure of performance by grant recipients; to provide exceptions to the Public Records Law; to authorize the Louisiana State Law Institute to make certain conforming technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. Subpart B of Part VI-C of Chapter 39 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 51:2370.21 through 2370.33, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

SUBPART B. GRANTING UNSERVED MUNICIPALITIES BROADBAND

OPPORTUNITIES 2.0

§2370.21. Establishment; short title

A. There is hereby created a grant program to be known as the "Granting Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities 2.0" program, hereinafter referred to in this Subpart as the "GUMBO 2.0" program. Funding and administration of this program shall be governed in accordance with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs

1 Act (IIJA), Public Law 117-58, and the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment
 2 (BEAD) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) issued by the National
 3 Telecommunications and Information Administration of United States Department
 4 of Commerce (NTIA), including any additional regulations promulgated by or
 5 guidance of the assistant secretary may provide.

6 B. This Subpart shall be known and may be cited as the "GUMBO 2.0
 7 Program Law".

8 §2370.22. Definitions

9 As used in this Subpart, the following terms have the following meanings:

10 (1) "Agriculture" means the commercial planting, growing, harvesting,
 11 production, storage, processing, marketing, distribution, or export of any agricultural
 12 product, including but not limited to farm products, livestock and livestock products,
 13 poultry and poultry products, milk and dairy products, fruit and other horticultural
 14 products, and seafood and aquacultural products.

15 (2) "Assistant secretary" means the assistant secretary of the United States
 16 Department of Commerce for Communications and Information.

17 (3) "Broadband DATA Maps" means the maps created in accordance with the
 18 provisions of 47 U.S.C. 642.

19 (4) "Broadband service" means deployed mass-market retail internet access
 20 service with a minimum of one hundred megabits per second, or Mbps, download
 21 and at least twenty megabits per second upload transmission speeds. This definition
 22 has the meaning given by the Federal Communications Commission under rules and
 23 guidance that are in effect as of the date of enactment of the Infrastructure
 24 Investment and Jobs Act.

25 (5) "Broadband-serviceable location" means a business or residential
 26 location in the United States at which fixed broadband internet access service is, or
 27 can be, installed. See IIJA, Pub. L. No. 117-58, §60102(a)(2)(h), 135 Stat. 429, 1184
 28 (2021). In the Third Broadband Data Collection Report and Order, the Commission
 29 adopted "as fundamental definition of a 'location' for purposes of the broadband-
 30 serviceable location fabric: a business or residential location in the United States at

1 which fixed broadband Internet access service is, or can be, installed." See
 2 Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection; Modernizing the FCC Form
 3 477 Data Program, WC Docket Nos. 19§195, 11§10, Third Report and Order, 36
 4 FCC Rcd 1126m 1175 para. 126 (2021).

5 (6) "Community anchor institution" means an entity such as a school, library,
 6 health clinic, health center, hospital or other medical provider, public safety entity,
 7 institution of higher education, public housing organization, or community support
 8 organization that facilitates greater use of broadband service by vulnerable
 9 populations, including but not limited to low-income individuals, unemployed
 10 individuals, children, the incarcerated, and aged individuals.

11 (7) "Cooperative" means a corporation organized pursuant to Part I of
 12 Chapter 4 of Title 12 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 or a corporation that
 13 becomes subject to those provisions pursuant to R.S. 12:401 et seq.

14 (8) "Director" means the executive director of the office of broadband
 15 development and connectivity within the division of administration.

16 (9) "Eligible costs" means costs that are eligible for BEAD Program funding
 17 as specified by the assistant secretary.

18 (10) "Eligible grant recipient" means a provider of broadband service,
 19 including a provider operated by a local government if the local government is
 20 compliant with the Local Government Fair Competition Act, R.S. 45:844.41 et seq.,
 21 prior to July 1, 2021, with respect to providing such services, a cooperative, or any
 22 partnership thereof.

23 (11) "Eligible location" means an unserved location or underserved location.

24 (12) "Eligible parish" means any parish with unserved or underserved
 25 broadband-serviceable locations.

26 (13) "Enforceable commitment" means any location that is already subject
 27 to a legally enforceable federal, state, or local commitment to deploy broadband.

28 (14) "Extremely high-cost per location threshold" means a BEAD subsidy
 29 cost per location to be utilized during the grantee selection process described in
 30 Section IV.B.7 of the BEAD NOFO above which the office may decline to select an

1 ~~application if use of an alternative technology meeting the BEAD Program's~~
2 ~~technical requirements would be less expensive.~~

3 (15) "Household" means any individual or group of individuals who are
4 living together at the same address as one economic unit. A household may include
5 related and unrelated persons. An "economic unit" consists of all adult individuals
6 contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household. An adult is
7 any person eighteen years or older. If an adult has no or minimal income, and lives
8 with someone who provides financial support to him, both people shall be considered
9 part of the same household. A child under the age of eighteen living with his parent
10 or guardian is considered to be part of the same household as his parent or guardian.

11 (16) "Infrastructure" means existing facilities, equipment, materials, and
12 structures that an internet service provider has installed either for its core business
13 or public enterprise purposes. Examples include but are not limited to copper wire,
14 coaxial cable, optical cable, loose tube cable, communication huts, conduits, vaults,
15 patch panels, mounting hardware, poles, generators, batteries and cabinets, network
16 nodes, network routers, network switches, microwave relays, microwave receivers,
17 site routers, outdoor cabinets, towers, easements, rights-of-way, and buildings or
18 structures owned by the entity that are made available for location or collocation
19 purposes.

20 (17) "Local government" means a parish, municipality, or school board.

21 (18) "Office" means the office of broadband development and connectivity
22 within the division of administration.

23 (19) "Project" means an undertaking by an eligible grant recipient to
24 construct and deploy infrastructure for the provision of broadband service. A project
25 may constitute a single unserved or underserved broadband-serviceable location, or
26 a grouping of broadband-serviceable locations in which not less than eighty percent
27 of broadband-serviceable locations served by the project are unserved locations or
28 underserved locations. If an overall project area crosses from one eligible parish into
29 one or more eligible adjacent parishes, for the purposes of this Subpart, the project

1 shall be determined to be located in the parish where the greatest number of unserved
2 or underserved households are proposed to be served.

3 (20) "Reliable broadband service" means broadband service that the
4 Broadband DATA Maps show are accessible to a location via any of the following:

5 (a) Fiber-optic technology.

6 (b) Cable modem or hybrid fiber-coaxial technology.

7 (c) Terrestrial fixed wireless technology utilizing entirely licensed spectrum
8 or using a hybrid of licensed and unlicensed spectrum.

9 (21) "Shapefile" means a file format for storing, depicting, and analyzing
10 geospatial data depicting broadband coverage, comprised of several component files.

11 (22) "Underserved location" means an underserved location as defined in the
12 IIJA and the BEAD NOFO.

13 (23) "Unserved location" means an unserved location as defined in the IIJA
14 and the BEAD NOFO.

15 §2370.23. Administration fee

16 The office may use up to one percent of the appropriated funds to administer
17 the GUMBO 2.0 program. The office may use an additional one percent of the
18 appropriated funds to hire third-party contractors as determined necessary for the
19 further administration of the GUMBO 2.0 program. The additional one percent shall
20 not be used as compensation for any new or existing positions within the office.

21 §2370.24. Rules

22 A. The office shall have the authority and responsibility to promulgate rules
23 that are consistent with requirements promulgated by the assistant secretary pursuant
24 to IIJA, BEAD program guidelines, state law, and this Subpart.

25 B. Grants solicited and awarded pursuant to the GUMBO 2.0 program are
26 not subject to the provisions of the Louisiana Procurement Code, R.S. 39:1551 et
27 seq. or the Public Bid Law, R.S. 38:2181 et seq. The office shall devise and
28 implement alternative procurement methods consistent with the requirements defined
29 by the assistant secretary to award grants.

1 §2370.25. Records; limitations

2 A. Notwithstanding any provision of this Subpart to the contrary, all records
 3 related to the GUMBO 2.0 program are public records as provided by the Public
 4 Records Law, R.S. 44:1.1 et seq., except for a broadband service provider's trade
 5 secret and proprietary information, including coverage data, maps, and shapefiles.

6 B. The office shall treat any information submitted with a broadband
 7 availability challenge or grant award protest that is not publicly available as
 8 confidential and subject to the trade secrets protections of state law upon a
 9 challenging broadband service provider's request for confidential treatment.

10 §2370.26. Funding; match requirement

11 A. A grant recipient is required to provide matching funds in accordance
 12 with state law and rules promulgated by the office. A grant recipient shall contribute
 13 from its own funds a minimum of twenty-five percent of the total estimated cost of
 14 the project, to be validated by the office, unless granted a written waiver by the
 15 office.

16 B.(1) A local government may contribute funding or in-kind contributions
 17 for use on an eligible project in accordance with the provisions of this Subpart. The
 18 contribution of funding by local government for an eligible project in accordance
 19 with the provisions of this Subpart shall not be considered a partnership for
 20 providing a covered service in accordance with the Local Government Fair
 21 Competition Act, R.S. 45:844.41 et seq.

22 (2) A local government shall not make or grant any undue or unreasonable
 23 preference or advantage to itself or to any provider of broadband service.

24 (3) A local government shall apply without discrimination as to itself and to
 25 any broadband service provider the local government's ordinances, rules, and
 26 policies, including those relating to access to public right-of-way, permitting, and
 27 any bonding requirements.

28 §2370.27. Grant process

29 A. The office shall have the authority and responsibility to promulgate rules
 30 that are consistent with requirements promulgated by or guidance of the assistant

1 secretary pursuant to IJJA, BEAD program guidelines, state law, and this Subpart.
2 The office shall carry out the grant process including broadband availability
3 challenges, grant applications, scoring, grant awards, and awards.

4 B. Broadband availability challenge process. (1) The state shall use the
5 NTIA BEAD Model Challenge process and shall complete the process before a
6 future grant round is launched.

7 (2) The office shall permit challenges for planned, privately funded
8 broadband projects where a broadband service provider provides convincing
9 evidence that it is currently building out broadband to locations without government
10 subsidy or is building out broadband offering performance beyond the program
11 requirements.

12 (3) To minimize duplication of funding, the office may not treat as unserved
13 or underserved any location that is already subject to an enforceable commitment as
14 of the date the challenge process commences.

15 (4) The National Telecommunications and Information Administration shall
16 be the final arbiter of availability challenges.

17 (5) The office shall keep challenge details confidential for evaluation to the
18 extent required consistent with state law and federal requirements and pursuant to
19 this Subpart.

20 C. Application process. (1) A grant round administered by the office shall
21 be open for a period of at least thirty days but not longer than sixty days.

22 (2) The office shall identify eligible locations for grant funding based on the
23 most recent Broadband DATA Map, updated according to the outcomes of the
24 challenge process and as approved by the assistant secretary. Any broadband-
25 serviceable locations within the applicant-defined project area that are not included
26 on the version of the Broadband DATA Map used for identifying eligible locations
27 prior to the opening of the grant round added to the Broadband Data Map after the
28 submission of an application but before the completion of the project shall also be
29 served by the grant award winner subject to the requirements of Subsection F of this
30 Section.

1 (3) The office shall release eligible locations at least thirty days prior to the
2 start of a grant round.

3 (4) Application information used for scoring purposes shall be made
4 publicly available, subject to the confidentiality protections provided in this Subpart,
5 by posting on the website of the office or the website of the division of
6 administration for a period of at least seven days prior to the grant award.

7 (5) A grant applicant may define proposed project areas in the application
8 for grant funding, which shall include eligible locations identified by the office.
9 However, the office shall award grants to eligible grant recipients according to the
10 priorities established in federal law, including any additional regulations
11 promulgated by or guidance of the assistant secretary, as provided for in R.S.
12 51:2370.21(A).

13 (6)(a) A local governing authority of an eligible parish may submit in writing
14 to the office, up to seven days after the grant applications are made public, an
15 objection to a grant application to deploy broadband services in the local governing
16 authority's parish if the broadband service provider has received a letter grade rating
17 of "D" or "F" from the Better Business Bureau.

18 (b) At the request of the local governing authority of an eligible parish that
19 submits an objection in accordance with this Paragraph, a broadband service provider
20 shall be ineligible to be awarded grant funds to deploy broadband services in that
21 eligible parish.

22 (7)(a) If, after soliciting applications, the office has received no applications
23 to serve one or more eligible locations, the office may engage with eligible grant
24 recipients to serve eligible locations. The office may offer inducements as set forth
25 in Section III.B of the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment Program Notice
26 of Funding Opportunity or benefits during the grant selection process, such as points
27 or credits. The office shall ensure that its approach is as transparent as possible.

28 (b) The outreach authorized by this Paragraph is permitted only after the
29 office has solicited proposals and failed to obtain one or more applications to serve
30 the location or locations at issue.

1 D. Scoring and grant award. The office shall have the authority and
2 responsibility to promulgate application minimum requirements, scoring rules, and
3 grant awards that are consistent with requirements promulgated by the assistant
4 secretary pursuant to IIJA, including any additional requirements or guidance
5 provided for after enactment of this Act, BEAD program guidelines, state law, and
6 this Subpart.

7 E. For subsequently identified broadband-serviceable locations in a grantee's
8 funded project area, the timeline and additional funding to deploy shall be
9 determined in a supplemental grant agreement between the office and the grantee.

10 F. Protest of grant award. (1) Upon a grant award announcement, any
11 eligible grant recipient or local governing body may protest a grant award during a
12 fourteen-business-day protest period on a basis that would result in an award change,
13 other than a served versus unserved basis, such as a scoring error. Any eligible grant
14 recipient or local governing body submitting a protest shall attest that the
15 information in the protest is accurate and that the protest is submitted in good faith.
16 The office may deny any protest that contains inaccurate information.

17 (2) The director or his designee may, prior to the commencement of an
18 action in court concerning a protest arising pursuant to this Subpart, settle and
19 resolve the protest.

20 §2370.28. Administrative and judicial review

21 A. If the protest of a grant award is not resolved by mutual agreement, the
22 director or his designee shall, within fourteen business days, issue a decision in
23 writing. The decision shall do all of the following:

24 (1) State the reasons for the action taken.

25 (2) Inform all parties to the protest of their right to administrative and
26 judicial review as provided in this Subpart.

27 B. A copy of the decision required by Subsection A of this Section shall be
28 furnished immediately to all parties to the protest.

29 C. A decision required by Subsection A of this Section shall be final and
30 conclusive unless one of the following applies:

1 (1) The decision is fraudulent.

2 (2) A party to the protest has timely appealed to the commissioner of
 3 administration in accordance with Subsection D of this Section.

4 D. If a party to the protest files an appeal with the commissioner of
 5 administration, it shall be filed within fourteen business days of receipt of a decision
 6 issued pursuant to Subsection A of this Section. The commissioner of administration
 7 may review and determine any appeal by a party to the protest from a determination
 8 by the director or his designee.

9 E. On any appeal filed pursuant to Subsection D of this Section, the
 10 commissioner of administration shall decide within fourteen business days whether
 11 the decision concerning a grant application was in accordance with this state's
 12 constitution, statutes, and regulations, the terms and conditions of the application,
 13 and any requirements of federal laws or regulations. Any prior determinations by the
 14 director or his designee shall not be final or conclusive.

15 F. A copy of the decision issued pursuant to Subsection E of this Section
 16 shall be mailed or otherwise furnished immediately to all parties to the protest.

17 G. A decision issued pursuant to Subsection E of this Section shall be final
 18 and conclusive unless one of the following applies:

19 (1) The decision is fraudulent.

20 (2) A party to the protest has appealed to the court as provided for in
 21 Subsection H of this Section.

22 H. A party to the protest may file an appeal in the Nineteenth Judicial
 23 District Court within seven business days of receipt of a decision issued pursuant to
 24 Subsection E of this Section. The Nineteenth Judicial District Court shall have
 25 exclusive venue over an action between the state and a party to the protest to
 26 determine whether an award of a grant is in accordance with this state's constitution,
 27 statutes, and regulations. Such actions shall extend to all kinds of actions, whether
 28 for monetary damages or for declaratory, injunctive, or other equitable relief.

29 I. A party to the protest by a final judgment or interlocutory order or ruling
 30 of the Nineteenth Judicial District Court may appeal or seek review thereof, as the

1 case may be, to the Louisiana Court of Appeal, First Circuit or the Supreme Court
2 of Louisiana, as otherwise permitted in civil cases by law and the constitution of this
3 state. If a court has found in a final judgment that an applicant or a party to the
4 protest has incorrectly designated a location as served or unserved, the office may
5 assess a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars per incorrectly designated
6 location identified in the GUMBO 2.0 award process and disputed in litigation.

7 §2370.29. Compliance during the grant agreement

8 The office will conduct an implementation meeting with a grant recipient
9 within thirty days of execution of a grant agreement and will make reporting
10 templates and instructions available at or shortly after the implementation meeting.

11 The office shall require that a grant recipient offer the proposed advertised minimum
12 download and minimum upload speeds of one hundred Mbps download and twenty
13 Mbps upload. A grant recipient that has offered broadband service to at least one
14 thousand consumers for a period of at least five consecutive years shall offer
15 broadband service at prices consistent with offers to consumers in other areas of the
16 state. Any other broadband service provider shall ensure that the broadband service
17 is priced to consumers at no more than the cost rate identified in the project
18 application, for the duration of the five-year service agreement. In calculating cost,
19 the grant recipient may adjust annually, consistent with the annual percentage
20 increase in the Consumer Price Index in the preceding year. At least annually, a
21 grant recipient shall provide to the office evidence consistent with the Federal
22 Communications Commission attestation that the grant recipient is making available
23 the proposed advertised speed, or a faster speed, as contained in the grant agreement.

24 §2370.30. Reporting requirements

25 A. A grantee shall submit to the office an annual report for each funded
26 project for the duration of a grant agreement. The report shall include a summary
27 of the items contained in the grant agreement and shall also include all of the
28 following:

29 (1) The number of residential and commercial locations that have broadband
30 access as a result of the project.

1 (2) The percentage of end users in the project area who have access to
2 broadband service and the percentage of end users with access who actually
3 subscribe to the broadband service.

4 (3) The average number of subscriptions for residential and commercial
5 broadband service in the project area.

6 (4) Any right-of-way fees, permit fees, or franchise fees paid to local
7 government, state government, railroad, private entity, or person during the
8 fulfillment of the grant awarded pursuant to this Subpart.

9 (5) Any delays encountered when obtaining a right-of-way permission.

10 B. An entity receiving federal funds for broadband infrastructure
11 development shall submit to the office a quarterly report for each funded project
12 located in this state for the duration of the project. The report shall include, at a
13 minimum, criteria including but not limited to miles constructed, broadband-
14 serviceable locations with access to broadband service, and funds expended. If an
15 entity does not submit quarterly reports for each funded project in this state for two
16 consecutive quarters, the office may, at its discretion, consider locations within the
17 awarded area unserved.

18 C. A grantee shall submit to the office a monthly report for each funded
19 project for the duration of the grant agreement. The report shall include, at a
20 minimum, criteria as defined in the grant agreement, including but not limited to
21 miles constructed, broadband-serviceable locations with access to broadband service,
22 and funds expended.

23 D. On or before September thirtieth of each calendar year, the office shall
24 submit a report to the House Committee on Commerce, Senate Committee on
25 Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs, and the Joint Legislative
26 Committee on Technology and Cybersecurity. The report shall contain all of the
27 following:

28 (1) The number of grant applications and the number of executed grant
29 agreements.

1 (2) A timeline for each grant agreement and the number of households,
2 businesses, agriculture operations, and community anchor institutions expected to
3 benefit from each grant project.

4 (3) The amount of matching funds committed to each grant project and the
5 total amount of project costs.

6 (4) A summary of locations by parish that will have, or currently have,
7 access to broadband service through the GUMBO 2.0 program, including the average
8 GUMBO 2.0 grant award per location and advertised broadband speeds and price of
9 services.

10 (5) Number of unserved and underserved locations that will have, or
11 currently have, access to broadband service through the GUMBO 2.0 program, and
12 the number of unserved and underserved locations that have not yet received grant
13 funding.

14 (6) Any breaches of grant agreements, grant fund forfeitures, or subsequent
15 reductions or refunds grant funds.

16 (7) Any recommendations for the GUMBO 2.0 program, including better
17 sources and methods for improving outcomes and accountability.

18 §2370.31. Receipt and disbursement of federal grant funds

19 The division of administration shall be the designated agency for receipt and
20 disbursement of state and federal funds received to implement the Broadband Equity,
21 Access, and Deployment Program. All federal grant funds received for this purpose
22 shall be disbursed in accordance with R.S. 51:2370.21(A).

23 §2370.32. Reimbursement for grantees

24 Reimbursements of eligible costs shall be made by percentage of total project
25 costs expended: ten percent, thirty-five percent, sixty percent, eighty-five percent,
26 and the final fifteen percent payment shall not be paid without an approved
27 completion report. Invoice for final payment shall be submitted within ninety days
28 of a completion date. All invoices are subject to audit for three years from the
29 completion date.

1 §2370.33. Failure to perform

2 A. A grant recipient forfeits the amount of a grant received if the grant
3 recipient fails to perform, in material respect, the obligations established in law or
4 in the grant agreement. A grant agreement shall last, at a minimum, for the duration
5 of broadband project construction and, or longer, in accordance with the grant
6 agreement, but not to exceed five years after construction completion. A grant
7 recipient that fails to provide the minimum advertised connection speed and cost at
8 the advertised rate shall forfeit any grant funds, up to the entire amount received
9 through the GUMBO 2.0 program. The office shall use its discretion to determine
10 the amount forfeited. A grant recipient that forfeits amounts disbursed in accordance
11 with this Subpart is liable for up to the amount disbursed plus interest. The number
12 of subscribers that subscribe to broadband services offered by the broadband service
13 provider in the project area shall not be a measure of performance under the grant
14 agreement for the purposes of this Subsection.

15 B. A grant recipient is not required to forfeit the amount of a grant received
16 if the grant recipient it fails to perform due to a natural disaster, an act of God, force
17 majeure, a catastrophe, pandemic, the failure to obtain access to private or public
18 property or any government permits under reasonable terms, or such other
19 occurrence over which the grant recipient has no control.

20 C. Except as provided for in Subsection B of this Section, if a grant recipient
21 fails to perform and fails to return the full forfeited amount required pursuant to this
22 Section, the ownership and use of the broadband infrastructure funded by the
23 GUMBO program shall revert to the division of administration.

24 D. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section to the contrary, if a grant
25 recipient fails to complete a project in a material respect, the grant recipient, at the
26 discretion of the office, may be required to reimburse the state the actual cost to
27 finish the project. The actual cost to finish the project shall be determined by the
28 office in consultation with the grant recipient. The office shall not require a grant
29 recipient that it determines has made a good faith effort to complete a project to

1 reimburse the state an amount greater than the remaining GUMBO 2.0 cost per
2 broadband-serviceable location as set forth in the grant recipient's application.

3 Section 2. R.S. 44:4.1(B)(35) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

4 §4.1. Exceptions

5 * * *

6 B. The legislature further recognizes that there exist exceptions, exemptions,
7 and limitations to the laws pertaining to public records throughout the revised
8 statutes and codes of this state. Therefore, the following exceptions, exemptions, and
9 limitations are hereby continued in effect by incorporation into this Chapter by
10 citation:

11 * * *

12 (35) R.S. 51:710.2(B), 705, 706, 936, 1363.1, 1404, 1926, 1934, 2113, 2182,
13 2262, 2318, 2370.3, 2370.16, 2370.25, 2370.27, 2389

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15 Section 3.(A) The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and requested
16 to redesignate R.S. 51: 2370.1 through 2370.16 as Subpart A of Part VI-C of Chapter 39 of
17 Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and entitled as "Subpart A. Granting
18 Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities 1.0".

19 (B) The Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby authorized and requested to make
20 conforming changes from references to "Part" to "Subpart" in R.S. 51:2370.1 through
21 2370.16.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____