

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 164

BY REPRESENTATIVE TEMPLET

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request each owner or operator of a public utility or private facility, which maintains or uses utility poles in the state of Louisiana, to become a member of and participate in a statewide utility pole reporting system.

WHEREAS, a utility pole is a pole used to support overhead power lines and various other public utilities and private facilities, such as cable, fiberoptic cable, and related equipment such as transformers and street lights; and

WHEREAS, utility poles can be made of wood, metal, concrete, or composites like fiberglass; and

WHEREAS, utility poles located in Louisiana are subjected to the potential damaging effect of weather including extreme rain, extreme wind, ice storms, and hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, in some areas of the state, there are abandoned or damaged utility poles which are sometimes left standing next to new utility poles; and

WHEREAS, public utilities and private facilities operating in Louisiana are not currently required to participate in a statewide utility pole reporting system; and

WHEREAS, a statewide utility pole reporting system would allow the owners and operators of public utilities and private facilities to input or receive information regarding newly erected utility poles, problems with existing utility poles including damage to the pole, or the removal of service equipment from an old utility pole that is no longer used; and

WHEREAS, owners and operators of public utilities and private facilities cannot act to repair damaged poles or remove old poles no longer in service unless notice is received regarding the status of the utility pole; and

WHEREAS, participation in a statewide utility pole reporting system would allow the owners and operators of public utilities and private facilities to provide and receive important information regarding the utility poles that are maintained in Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request each owner or operator of a public utility or private facility, which maintains or uses a utility pole in the state of Louisiana, to become a member of and participate in a statewide utility pole reporting system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be delivered to each owner or operator of a public utility or private facility which maintains or uses a utility pole in the state of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE