

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 225

# BY REPRESENTATIVES HILFERTY, BOYD, CARRIER, FREEMAN, GAROFALO, GREEN, HUGHES, KNOX, AND WILLARD

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4071(F)(1) and (2), relative to the city of New Orleans; to
3	provide relative to the sewerage and water board; to provide relative to the powers
4	and duties of the board; to provide relative to billing for sewerage and water services;
5	and to provide for related matters.
6	Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published
7	as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of
8	Louisiana.
9	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
10	Section 1. R.S. $33:4071(F)(1)$ and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
11	follows:
12	§4071. Creation and organization of sewerage and water board
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14	F. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the board may
15	adopt rules and procedures authorizing the adjusting, releasing, or extinguishing of
16	any indebtedness from a customer's sewerage and water bill. The rule shall limit the
17	board's compromising authority to appropriate instances in which any of the
18	following occur:
19	(1) Instances of error on the part of the district such as equipment failure or
20	process failure, including instances in which the board generates inaccurate invoices.

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and in such instances, only to the extent the failure increased the customer's
 indebtedness.

3 (2) Instances in which an employee of the board, or a person acting on behalf
4 of the board, fails to properly read a customer's water meter regardless of whether
5 the board has submitted an invoice to the customer for an amount owed during any
6 such period or fails to submit an invoice to the customer for two or more consecutive
7 months.

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## SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

### GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_