

SENATE BILL NO. 49

BY SENATOR MURRAY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4083.1, relative to the city of New Orleans; to provide  
3 relative to receipt and disbursement of unclaimed customer credit balances and water  
4 deposits into the "Water Help Program Fund"; to provide for notifications by the  
5 board; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 33:4083.1 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §4083.1. Receipt and disbursement of unclaimed customer credit balances and  
10 water deposits

11 Any unclaimed customer credit balances or deposits collected from  
12 consumers for the supply of water to such consumers for which a request for refund  
13 is not made within eighteen months after termination of services and which are  
14 unclaimed or abandoned after such eighteen-month period shall be deposited to the  
15 credit of the board in a special fund designated as the "Water Help Program Fund".  
16 Within ~~thirty~~ **ninety** days after termination of services, the board shall notify the  
17 customer by **electronic mail, regular postage, or** certified mail sent to the last  
18 known address of the customer that his unclaimed customer credit balance or deposit  
19 will be deposited to the "Water Help Program Fund"; however, a claim for return of  
20 the unclaimed customer credit balance or deposit shall not prescribe, if not claimed  
21 within eighteen months after termination of services. The board may deduct postage  
22 costs of the notice from the unclaimed customer credit balance or deposit. The  
23 monies in such fund shall be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of R.S.  
24 33:4083 and shall be used solely for the "Water Help Program Fund".

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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