

SENATE BILL NO. 630

BY SENATOR MORRELL

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:9106.3, relative to St. Bernard Parish; to authorize St. Bernard Parish 911
3 Communications District to levy a fixed rate for emergency telephone service
4 charges; to require voter approval of the fixed rate fee under certain conditions; to
5 provide that the fixed rate fee shall be uniformly applied to residential, commercial,
6 and cellular services; and to provide for related matters.

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

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 33:9106.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 **§9106.3. Fixed rate service charge; St. Bernard Parish**

11 **A. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 33:9106, the St. Bernard**
12 **Parish 911 Communications District may levy the emergency telephone service**
13 **charge authorized by that Section on a uniform flat fee schedule of fixed rates**
14 **not based on any tariff rate charged in the parish.**

15 **B. If the governing authority converts to such a rate schedule for its**
16 **service charge, such rates shall be equal to the applicable tariff-based rate at the**
17 **time of conversion unless a higher rate is approved by the voters of the district.**

18 **C. Such service charge shall not exceed one dollar per month for each**
19 **residential line, two dollars and seven cents per month for each commercial line,**
20 **and one dollar and twenty-six cents per month for each cellular or other**
21 **wireless telecommunications service.**

22 **D. If such service charges are levied on a flat fee schedule of fixed rates,**
23 **rates shall be uniform for each of the following classes of service: residential,**
24 **commercial, cellular, commercial mobile radio service (CMRS), or other**
25 **wireless telecommunications service.**

26 **E. For cellular or other non-fixed location wireless telecommunications**
27 **service users, such service charge shall be assessed against each cellular or other**

1 wireless phone number for which the billing address is within the boundaries
2 of the district. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the application of such service
3 charge to any mobile telecommunications service, as defined in R.S.
4 47:301(29)(p), shall apply only if the customer's place of primary use is located
5 within the boundaries of the political subdivision levying such CMRS
6 emergency telephone service charge. For purposes of this Subsection, the
7 provisions of R.S. 47:301(29)(p) shall apply in the same manner and to the same
8 extent as such provisions apply to the taxes levied pursuant to R.S. 47:302(C)
9 and 331(C) on a mobile telecommunications service.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____