

House Bill 292 has been approved and has been signed by the Governor now becoming Act No. 344. This amendment to the “Dig Law” will go into effect August 1, 2023.

To summarize, this amendment states/clarifies the following:

- Reemphasizes that the marking of an operator’s facility or utility shall be provided for excavation or demolition purposes only.
- Clarifies the requirement that excavation or demolition activities shall begin not more than 120 hours (5 days) past the mark-by-time.
- Stresses the requirement for excavators/demolishers to use white paint, flags, or stakes to mark the proposed route or area of excavation/demolition for tickets called in to the center. This is not required when entering a locate request online. (Considered “virtual white lining”).
- Requires potholing to expose specific types of utilities/facilities in certain situations with a special provision for forestry excavators.

This Act can be viewed by clicking here:

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1332500>.