
DIGEST

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HB 162 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides that the adjutant general may authorize the use of federal contracting by the National Guard Bureau through the United States Property and Fiscal Officer for design and construction services on state lands in certain circumstances.

Present law provides that the adjutant general has control of the Military Department, subject to the order of the governor, and performs the duties pertaining to the office of adjutant general under the laws of La. and applicable federal law and regulations.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that the adjutant general has charge of and is the responsible contracting authority for the state military reservations and all other state property kept, used, or operated by the Military Department.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that during the last three months of any federal fiscal year, the adjutant general may authorize the use of federal contracting by the National Guard Bureau through the United States Property and Fiscal Officer (USPFO) for design and construction services on state lands.

Proposed law provides that when the amount of federal funding equals or exceeds the amount of state matching funds required for a project, the adjutant general may provide the state matching funds to the USPFO to initiate contracts for design and construction services under cooperative agreements entered into with the National Guard Bureau.

Proposed law provides that the authority in proposed law would apply only when the amount of the federal funds available for construction does not exceed \$10 million for any single construction project.

(Amends R.S. 29:11(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Delete exception for the adjutant general to use federal contracting methods instead of the state Public Bid Law on projects for which federal funds meet or exceed state funds.
2. Delete exceptions for the adjutant general to use federal contracting methods instead of the La. Procurement Code on projects for which federal funds meet or exceed state funds.
3. Add a provision that specifies that during the last three months of any federal fiscal year, the adjutant general may authorize the use of federal contracting by the National Guard Bureau through the United States Property and Fiscal Officer (USPFO) for design and construction services on state lands. When the amount of federal funding equals or exceeds the amount of state matching funds required for a project, the adjutant general may provide the state matching funds to the USPFO to initiate contracts for design and construction services under cooperative agreements entered into with the National Guard Bureau.
4. Add a provision that specifies that the authority granted by proposed law would apply only when the amount of the federal funds available for construction does not exceed \$10 million for any single construction project.