
DIGEST

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HB 491 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for electronic submittal procedures for the lease of public land.

Present law requires applications and bids shall be secret, sealed applications and bids to be forwarded through the U.S. mail to the lessor at its domiciled address.

Proposed law provides that each bid for the lease of public lands shall be submitted by hand, registered or certified mail, or electronically.

Proposed law prohibits the submittal of a bid on holidays recognized by the U.S. Postal Service.

Proposed law requires that all lessors provide for electronic receipt of bids in accordance with the standards of the governor's office, the division of administration, and the office of technology services, unless the lessor meets certain exceptions.

Proposed law exempts lessors with no high speed internet access from proposed law until a time when the lessor does have high speed internet access.

Proposed law exempts the following from proposed law requirements:

- (1) Parishes with police juries and populations less than 20,000.
- (2) Cities or municipalities with populations less than 10,000.
- (3) Lessors that are unable to comply with proposed law without securing and expending additional funding.

Proposed law specifies that lessors have the option of requiring electronic bidding for competitive bids.

Proposed law requires lessors to include all information regarding the advertisement for bids in present law.

(Amends R.S. 41:1214(B); Adds R.S. 41:1214(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Change the term "public entity" to "lessor".
2. Make technical changes.