

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 379

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGNERIS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HIGHWAYS: Authorizes the Regional Transit Authority to solicit and enter into public-private partnership contracts

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 48:1660.1, relative to the Regional Transit Authority; to authorize the use of  
3 public-private partnership contracts by the authority for certain projects; to provide  
4 for procedure; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 48:1660.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §1660.1. Public-private partnership projects

8 A. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary or the requirements of this Part,  
9 if the board of commissioners determines it is in the best interest of the taxpayers,  
10 the Regional Transit Authority, with approval of the House and Senate  
11 transportation, highways, and public works committees, may solicit proposals for  
12 and enter into contracts for public-private partnership projects for a transportation  
13 facility, provided the authority shall comply with the provisions of R.S. 48:2084  
14 through 2084.15 that are applicable to public-private partnership projects of the  
15 Louisiana Transportation Authority. However, R.S. 48:256.3 and 256.5 shall be  
16 applicable in the same manner as any other department projects.

17 B. The authority shall not receive an unsolicited proposal for a public-private  
18 partnership project.

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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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the Regional Transit Authority to solicit and enter into public-private partnership contracts under certain circumstances.

Proposed law authorizes the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) to solicit proposals for and enter into contracts for public-private partnership projects for a transportation facility, provided the authority complies with present law applicable to public-private partnership projects of the La. Transportation Authority when the commissioners of the RTA determine a public-private partnership is in the best interest of taxpayers and receives approval from the House and Senate transportation, highways, and public works committees.

Proposed law makes present law provisions relative to the payment of a bond and the process for the payment of the claim of a contractor applicable in the same manner as any other department projects.

Proposed law prohibits the RTA from receiving an unsolicited proposal for a public-private partnership project.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 48:1660.1)