## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the elements of solicitation on interstate highways and public streets.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the crime of solicitation on an interstate highway is the intentional act of soliciting, begging, panhandling or otherwise requesting anything of value on any interstate highway or on any entrance or exit ramp of an interstate highway.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits offering anything of value as an alternative element of this <u>present law</u> crime. Further prohibits the commission of this offense on a public street.

Proposed law provides for a definition of "anything of value".

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the legislature finds that the safety and welfare of both motorists and pedestrians within La. may all be well served by implementation of <u>proposed law</u>.

(Amends R.S. 14:97.1(A); Adds R.S. 14:97.1(C))