2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 235

BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES

PUBLIC CONTRACT/BIDS: Removes an exception to public bid law applicable to the purchase of vehicles by local government units

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212.1(A)(2), relative to public bid law exceptions; to
3	remove the exception applicable to local government unit purchases of vehicles for
4	conversion to a law enforcement vehicle; to require the purchase of vehicles for
5	conversion to law enforcement vehicles by local governments to fall under public bid
6	law; and to provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. $38:2212.1(A)(2)$ is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
9	§2212.1. Advertisement and letting to lowest responsible bidder; materials and
10	supplies; exemptions
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13	(2)(a) Any purchase by a local governmental unit of a used or new motor
14	vehicle for conversion into a law enforcement vehicle, which purchase cost does not
15	exceed the sum of forty thousand dollars, shall not be subject to the threshold
16	delineated in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. Written specifications, quotations,
17	and confirmation of accepted offers for such purchase shall be obtained and made
18	a part of the purchase file. However, any such purchase which sum is in excess of
19	forty thousand dollars shall be advertised and let for bid under the procedures
20	outlined by the provisions of this Section.

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1	(b) Any purchase by a local government unit of road maintenance or
2	improvement equipment, which purchase cost does not exceed the sum of twenty-
3	five thousand dollars, shall not be subject to the threshold delineated in Paragraph
4	(1) of this Subsection. Written specification, quotations, and confirmation of
5	accepted offers for such purchase shall be obtained and made a part of the purchase
6	file. However, any such purchase which sum is in excess of twenty-five thousand
7	dollars shall be advertised and let for bid under the procedures outlined by the
8	provisions of this Section.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes an exception for local government unit purchases of vehicles for conversion to a law enforcement vehicle.

<u>Present law</u> provides an exception for purchase by a local government unit of a new motor vehicle for conversion into a law enforcement vehicle that does not exceed the purchase price of \$40,000.

<u>Present law</u> requires that purchases by a local government unit of new motor vehicles for conversion into law enforcement vehicles that exceed the price of \$40,000 must be advertised and let out for bid.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the exception in <u>present law</u> and places the purchase by a local government unit of a new motor vehicle for conversion into a law enforcement vehicle back under the authority of public bid law.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212.1(A)(2))