

SENATE BILL NO. 216

BY SENATOR HODGES AND REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

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

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 48:255.8, relative to the Department of Transportation and Development; to
3 provide for methods of bidding contracts for road construction; to provide for
4 contract provisions to decrease delays in the completion of roads; to provide for an
5 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 48:255.8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§255.8. A+B bidding; authority**

9 **A. The legislature declares it to be in the public interest that in order to**
10 **increase efficiency and expediency in the construction of state highways, the**
11 **Department of Transportation and Development may employ the A+B bidding**
12 **method for road and highway construction projects or other best project**
13 **delivery method practices.**

14 **B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, on or**
15 **after July 1, 2025, the department shall evaluate use of the A+B bidding method**
16 **for projects meeting one or more of the following criteria:**

17 **(1) The project is located on a roadway with average daily traffic greater**
18 **than twenty thousand.**

19 **(2) The estimated time to complete the project is greater than three**
20 **hundred sixty-five calendar days.**

21 **(3) The estimated cost to construct the project is greater than ten million**
22 **dollars.**

23 **(4) The project will be constructed in multiple phases.**

24 **C. For purposes of this Section, "A+B bidding" means the cost-plus-time**
25 **bidding method where the total bid is the sum of the traditional contract unit**
26 **price items "A" and the estimated time to complete the project "B", with the**
27 **lowest combined total determining the winning bid.**

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.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____