

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 303

BY SENATOR CLOUD

PROCUREMENT CODE. Provides for use of cooperative purchasing for information technology system procurement. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1702(A)(1), relative to the Louisiana Procurement Code; to
3 provide for cooperative purchasing for information technology systems; to provide
4 for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 39:1702(A)(1) is hereby amended and enacted to read as follows:

7 §1702. Cooperative purchasing authorized; participation in federal General Services
8 Administration vendor list

9 A.(1) Any public procurement unit may either participate in, sponsor,
10 conduct, or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for the acquisition of any
11 supplies, services, personal, professional, consulting, and social services,
12 **information technology services as provided in Part V-A of Chapter 1 of**
13 **Subtitle I of this Title**, major repairs, or construction with one or more public
14 procurement units or external procurement activities or one or more private
15 procurement units in accordance with an agreement entered into between the
16 participants. ~~Such cooperative purchasing may include but is not limited to joint or~~
17 ~~multi-party contracts between public procurement units and open-ended state public~~

1 ~~procurement unit contracts which are made available to local public procurement~~
2 ~~units.~~ **Such cooperative purchasing may include but is not limited to:**

3 **(a) Joint or multi-party contracts between public procurement units.**

4 **(b) Open-ended state public procurement unit contracts which are made**
5 **available to public procurement units.**

6 **(c) Contracts between a public procurement unit and an external**
7 **procurement activity under which the public procurement unit accesses and**
8 **utilizes an existing information technology system belonging to the external**
9 **procurement activity in exchange for payment of a share of the costs associated**
10 **with the system. The public procurement unit shall not be required to**
11 **participate in a competitive procurement process for such contracts, provided**
12 **that the external procurement activity originally acquired the system by means**
13 **of a contract procured through a competitive procurement process.**

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15 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
16 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
17 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
18 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
19 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Present law allows public procurement units to participate, sponsor, conduct, or administer cooperative purchasing agreements with other entities to purchase any supplies, personal services, professional services, consulting services, social services, major repairs, or construction services with one or more public procurement units, external procurement activities, or private procurement units in accordance with an agreement between the parties.

Proposed law retains present law and adds information technology services to the list.

Present law provides that cooperative purchasing may include but is not limited to joint or multi-party contracts between public procurement units and open-ended state public procurement unit contracts made available to other public procurement units.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that cooperative purchasing may include but is not limited to contracts between a public procurement unit and an external procurement activity allowing the public unit to access and use an existing information technology system owned by the external procurement activity in exchange for payment of a share of system costs.

Proposed law exempts a public procurement unit from conducting a separate competitive procurement process for information technology services, provided the external procurement activity originally acquired the system through a competitive procurement process.

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

(Amends R.S. 39:1702(A)(1))