

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 860

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRAUD

CONTRACTS/BIDS: Authorizes the use of fillable form to receive electronic public bids

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212(B)(2), relative to electronic bidding; to authorize the use  
3 of fillable electronic bid forms for electronic bidding; to provide relative to  
4 advertisement of bids; to provide for formatting of certain bid forms; to provide for  
5 an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 38:2212(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2212. Advertisement and letting to lowest responsible and responsive bidder;  
9 public work; electronic bidding; participation in mentor-protégé program;  
10 exemptions; subpoena

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12 B.

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14 (2) ~~Any~~ Except as otherwise provided in this Section, any public entity  
15 advertising for public work shall use only the Louisiana Uniform Bid Form as  
16 promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act by the division  
17 of administration, office of facility planning and control. A public entity may use  
18 a fillable electronic bid form to facilitate the receipt of bids through an electronic  
19 bidding platform if the fillable electronic bid form includes all of the text and input  
20 fields contained in the Louisiana Uniform Bid Form. A public entity shall not add

1        any bidder requirements or bidder input fields to a fillable electronic bid form that  
2        are not contained in the Louisiana Uniform Bid Form. Deviations in the formatting  
3        of a fillable electronic bid form used by a public entity from the formatting of the  
4        Louisiana Uniform Bid Form shall not constitute a violation of this Section. The  
5        bidding documents shall require only the following information and documentation  
6        to be submitted by a bidder at the time designated in the advertisement for bid  
7        opening: Bid Security or Bid Bond; Acknowledgment of Addenda; Base Bid;  
8        Alternates; Signature of Bidder; Name, Title, and Address of Bidder; Name of Firm  
9        or Joint Venture; Corporate Resolution or written evidence of the authority of the  
10       person signing the bid; and Louisiana Contractors License Number, and on public  
11       works projects where unit prices are utilized, a section on the bid form where the unit  
12       price utilized in the bid shall be set forth including a description for each unit;  
13       however, unit prices shall not be utilized for the construction of building projects,  
14       unless the unit prices and their extensions are incorporated into the base bid or  
15       alternates. If a public entity adds any additional requirements for information, unless  
16       mandated by state or federal requirements, the requirements shall be void and not  
17       considered in the award of the contract. Any timely change by a bidder to the bid  
18       prior to submission of the bid shall be scratched through and initialed by the bidder  
19       or the person who submits the bid. The change as initialed shall be binding.

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

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DIGEST

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HB 860 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes public entities to use a fillable electronic bid form for submitting bids.

Present law specifies that no public entity may waive the rules in present law or its bidding documents. Requires public entities to use the La. Uniform Bid Form for public work, which only requires basic bidder information, bid security, acknowledgment of addenda, base bid, alternates, signatures, and license numbers. Authorizes the use of unit prices only as specified, and any extra requirements added by the public entity (unless legally required) are void. Additionally, requires that changes to a bid before submission be initialed by the bidder and are binding.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes public entities to use a fillable electronic bid form for submitting bids, as long as it contains all text and fields from the La. Uniform Bid Form. Prohibits additional bidder requirements or input fields from being added. Clarifies that deviations in formatting from the standard form are not violations.

Proposed law provides for an effective date upon signature of the governor.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212(B)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make a technical change.
2. Provide for an effective date upon signature of the governor.