

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 449

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

PUBLIC CONTRACTS. Provides for the procurement of materials and goods. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212.1(O), relative to procurement requirements for materials  
3 and goods by public entities; to provide for the purchase of certain non-new rail  
4 equipment; to provide for the purchase of related parts by a railroad operated or  
5 owned by a political subdivision; to provide for exemptions; and to provide for  
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 38:2212.1(O) 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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12 O. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to **any of the following**:

13 **(1) The** purchase of animals trained to perform special tasks, including but  
14 not limited to narcotics detection, bomb detection, arson investigation, and rescue  
15 techniques by the following public entities:

16 ~~(a)~~**(a)** Any local law enforcement agency for the principal purpose of aiding  
17 in the detection of criminal activity, enforcement of laws, or apprehension of

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offenders.

~~(2)~~**(b)** Any local public safety agency for the purpose of search and rescue services.

**(2) Used or non-new purchases by a political subdivision that owns or operates a railroad of any of the following:**

**(a) Locomotives and its component parts.**

**(b) On-track equipment and its component parts.**

**(c) Other rolling stock and its component parts.**

**(d) Track maintenance equipment and its attachments.**

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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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DIGEST

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Present law provides for requirements for advertisement and letting to lowest responsible bidder for materials and supplies and exemptions of purchases paid out of public funds.

Present law further provides for an exemption for animals trained to perform special tasks, including narcotics and bomb detection, arson investigation, and rescue techniques by law enforcement or any local public safety agency for specific services.

Proposed law provides for exemptions for a political subdivision that owns or operates a railroad for the purchase of the following, whether non-new or used, and its component parts: locomotives, on-track equipment, and other rolling stock, and track maintenance equipment and its attachments.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212.1(O))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Clarifies the exemption for purchases of equipment, whether used or non-new, related to railroads.