

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law specifies that no public entity may waive the rules in existing law or its bidding documents. Requires public entities 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.

New law retains existing 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.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 29, 2026).

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