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HB 1086 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Allows certain municipalities to utilize contract limits for public works set in state law rather than contract limits set in their home rule charters.

<u>Present law</u> requires all public work exceeding the contract limit as defined in <u>present law</u>, including labor and materials, to be done by a public entity to be advertised and let by contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder who had bid according to the bidding documents as advertised.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that, notwithstanding any provision of a home rule charter established subsequent to 1974 to the contrary, no municipality shall be required to advertise and let by contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, who had bid according to the bidding documents as advertised, any public work which is less than the contract limit established by <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> would only apply to municipalities with a population of not less than 45,000 persons and not more than 50,000 persons as of the most recent federal decennial census.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212(A)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Transportation</u>, <u>Highways and</u> Public Works to the original bill:

- 1. Add for purposes of <u>proposed law</u> that the lowest responsible and responsive bidder would be one who had bid according to the bid documents as advertised.
- 2. Make a technical change.