

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law provides for electronic submittal procedures for the lease of public land.

Existing law requires applications and bids be secret, sealed applications and bids.

Prior law required the applications and bids be forwarded through the U.S. mail to the lessor at its domiciled address.

New law provides that each bid for the lease of public lands must be submitted by hand, registered or certified mail, or electronically.

New law prohibits the submittal of a bid on holidays recognized by the U.S. Postal Service.

New law requires that all lessors provide for electronic receipt of bids in accordance with the standards of the governor's office, the division of administration, and the office of technology services, unless the lessor meets certain exceptions.

New law exempts lessors with no high speed internet access from new law until a time when the lessor does have high speed internet access.

New law exempts the following from new law requirements:

- (1) Parishes with police juries and populations less than 20,000.
- (2) Cities or municipalities with populations less than 10,000.
- (3) Lessors that are unable to comply with new law without securing and expending additional funding.

New law specifies that lessors have the option of requiring electronic bidding for competitive bids.

New law requires lessors to include all information regarding the advertisement for bids in existing law.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 41:1214(B); Adds R.S. 41:1214(E))