

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 646

2024 Regular Session

Thompson

CONTRACTS: Provides for a contract limit for public work projects by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

DIGEST

Present law specifies that in cases of public emergency where such emergency has been certified to a public entity notice of the public emergency must be made within 10 days of being published in the official journal of the public entity proposing or declaring such emergency.

Proposed law removes the 10-day time period in present law for declaring emergency repairs.

Proposed law specifies that for public work projects undertaken by the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism the "contracts limit" is \$1,000,000 per project, including labor, material, and equipment as per the rates in the latest edition of the Assoc. Equipment Dealers Rental Rate Book and administrative overhead not exceed 15%, provided beginning Feb. 1, 2025, and annually on Feb. 1st of each subsequent year, the office of facility planning and control within the division of administration adjust the "contracts limit" by an amount not to exceed the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index in the preceding year. Further specifies, the office of facility planning and control within the division of administration publish the new contracts limit for public works contracts in the La. Register in Jan. of each year.

Proposed law further requires contracts for projects with an aggregate estimated cost less than the contract limit, but in excess of \$50,000, to be publicly bid by the department and requires the department to create, adopt, and publish a public bidding procedure to implement the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law terminates on December 31, 2029.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212(P)(1)(a); adds R.S. 38:2212(C)(5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove the 10-day time frame for a public entity to post notice of a public emergency in its official journal as provided in R.S. 38:2212(P)(1)(a).
2. Specify that for public work projects completed by the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism the "contracts limit" is \$1,000,000 per project, including labor, material, and equipment as per the rates in the latest edition of the Assoc. Equipment Dealers Rental Rate Book and administrative overhead not exceed 15%, provided beginning February 1, 2025, and annually on February 1st of each subsequent year, that the office of facility planning and control within the division of administration adjust the "contracts limit" by an amount not to exceed the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index in the preceding year.
3. Add a requirement that the office of facility planning and control within the division of administration publish the new contracts limit for public works contract in the La. Register in January of each year.
4. Make technical changes.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make a technical change.

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the reengrossed bill

1. Adds requirement that contracts for projects with an aggregate estimated cost less than the contract limit, but in excess of \$50,000, are publicly bid by the department.
2. Adds requirement for the department to create, adopt, and publish a public bidding procedure to implement the provisions of proposed law.
3. Adds a December 31, 2029 termination date.