

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 794

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PUBLIC CONTRACTS: Requires a political subdivision or agency negotiate a fair and reasonable contract with the most highly qualified firm for architectural and engineering professional services.

DIGEST

Present law establishes a policy for the state, its political subdivisions, and its agencies to select architectural and engineering professional services based on competence and qualifications for a fair and reasonable price.

Present law provides that the state and its political subdivisions or agencies cannot select architects, engineers, landscape architects, and land surveyors using price or price-related information as a factor in the selection.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that a political subdivision or agency negotiate a contract for professional services at a compensation rate the agency head determines is fair and reasonable with the firm and if it cannot negotiate a contract with that firm, it should begin negotiating with the next firm and repeat until a contract is successfully negotiated.

Present law excludes certain contracts that are authorized under present law.

Present law requires records defined by present law dealing with the selection of architectural and engineering services to be public records.

(Amends R.S. 38:2318.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change requirement for political subdivisions or agencies to negotiate from a fair and reasonable price to professional services at a compensation rate the agency head determines is fair and reasonable.
2. Remove by the selection board qualification for the most highly qualified firm selected.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Remove requirement that firm is most highly qualified.