

## 2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 170

BY REPRESENTATIVE RISER AND SENATOR CATHEY

CONTRACTS: Provides relative to construction contracts

# 1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 9:2779, relative to construction contracts; to provide for  
3 definitions; to provide for technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 9:2779 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6                   §2779. Construction contracts, subcontracts, and purchase orders; certain provisions  
7                   invalid

8                   A.(1) For purposes of this Chapter, "construction contract" means any  
9                   agreement for the design, construction, alteration, renovation, repair, or maintenance  
10                  of a building, structure, highway, road, bridge, water line, sewer line, oil line, gas  
11                  line, appurtenance, or other improvement to real property, or repair or maintenance  
12                  of a highway, road, or bridge, including any moving, demolition, or excavation.

5           A. B. The legislature finds that, with respect to construction contracts,  
6        subcontracts, and purchase orders for public and private works projects, when one  
7        of the parties is domiciled in Louisiana, and the work to be done and the equipment  
8        and materials to be supplied involve construction projects in this state, provisions in  
9        any provision in such agreements requiring disputes arising thereunder to be resolved  
10      in a forum outside of this state or requiring their interpretation to be governed by the  
11      laws of another jurisdiction are inequitable and against the public policy of this state.

12                   B. C. The legislature hereby declares null, and void, and unenforceable as  
13                   against public policy any provision in a contract, subcontract, or purchase order, as  
14                   described in Subsection **A** **B** of this Section, which either:

21                   E. D. The provisions of this Section apply to contracts, subcontracts, and  
22 purchase orders; as described in Subsection A, B of this Section entered into on or  
23 after September 6, 1991.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Provides a definition for "construction contract".

Present law provides relative to conflict of laws and the proper forum for disputes involving construction contracts, subcontracts, and purchase orders for public and private works projects.

Proposed law retains present law. Defines "construction contract" and makes technical changes.

(Amends R.S. 9:2779)