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DIGEST

<u>Present law</u>, relative to public contracts, provides that when purchasing steel, every person acting as purchasing agent for any agency, board, commission, department, or other instrumentality of the state or of a parish, municipality, or other unit of local government, including a levee board, drainage district, school board, or special district, shall purchase steel rolled in this state which is equal in quality to steel rolled outside the state, provided the cost of steel rolled in this state does not exceed by more than 10% of the cost of steel which is rolled outside the state. Provides that this preference does not apply when sufficient quantities of steel rolled in this state are not available.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and extends the preference to steel pipe manufactured in this state.

Effective August 15, 2011.

(Amends R.S. 38:2251.2)