

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 196 By Senator Marionneaux

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

PUBLIC CONTRACTS: Provides relative to a preference for the purchase of steel pipe manufactured in Louisiana and certain bid requirements. (8/15/11)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Adds provisions relative to agreements to sell at the same price as the lowest bid or forfeit the bid.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

Present law, 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.

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

Proposed law adds that the manufacturer of steel rolled or steel pipe manufactured in this state submitting a bid within 10% of the lowest bid must agree to sell at the same price as the lowest bid or forfeit his bid. In the case where there is more than one in-state bidder within 10% of the lowest bid, the in-state bidder offering the lowest bid is entitled to accept the price of the lowest bid. If the lowest in-state bidder within 10% of the lowest bid declines to accept the price of the lowest bid, the next lowest in-state bidder within 10% shall have the option.

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(Amends R.S. 38:2251.2)

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