

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 559 by Representative Brossett

PUBLIC CONTRACTS: Extends the length of time relative to the utilization of design-build contracts

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Removes the Recovery School District and the Orleans Parish School Board and adds utilization of design-build for projects at the following schools: Edna Karr High School, G.W. Carver High School, Martin Behrman High School, Sherwood Forest Elementary School, and Paul B. Habans Elementary School.
2. Limits utilization of the design-build method by the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans for a project in a power plant not to exceed \$30,400,000.
3. Adds effective date of July 1, 2013.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law, relative to the Public Bid Law, authorizes the following public entities to utilize the design-build method in the construction or repair of any public building or structure which was destroyed or damaged by Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita, or both; the division of administration; the Recovery School District; the Orleans Parish School Board; the city of New Orleans; the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans; and parish governments in Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, and Vermilion parishes; and the Port of New Orleans.

Present law provides that the authority granted in present law extends for six years from July 10, 2007, or until July 10, 2013, after which time only those projects that were contracted for prior to such termination date may proceed.

Proposed law retains present law for all entities listed in present law except for named schools and the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans.

Proposed law extends the length of time from six years to seven years, or until July 10, 2014, for utilization of the design-build method for the following schools: Edna Karr High School, G.W. Carver High School, Martin Behrman High School, Sherwood Forest Elementary School, and Paul B. Habans Elementary School.

Proposed law extends the length of time from six years to eight years, or until July 10, 2015, for utilization of the design-build method for projects of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, in a power plant not to exceed \$30,400,000.

Effective July 1, 2013.

(Amends R.S. 38:2225.2.1(A)(3); Adds R.S. 38:2225.2.1(A)(4), (5), and (6))