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DIGEST
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Present law (R.S. 38:2211) requires any public entity advertising for public work to use only the Louisiana Uniform Bid Form and specifically provides for the required information and documentation to be submitted by a bidder.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law voids any additional requirements for information requested by a public entity and prohibits the additional requirements from being considered in the award of the contract unless the requirement is mandated by state or federal requirements.

Present law requires all bidders’ information on public bids to be made available upon request, either no sooner than fourteen days following the bid opening or after the recommendation of award by the public entity or the design professional, whichever occurs first, with the requester responsible for payment of reasonable reproduction costs.

Proposed law shortens the request time from no sooner than fourteen days to no sooner than nine working days following the bid opening and otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law defines "working days" as the days Monday through Friday, excluding recognized holidays and declared emergencies.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212(B)(2) and (H); adds R.S. 38:2211(A)(15))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

  Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill
  1. Provides that "working days" excludes times of a declared emergency.
  2. Provides that additional federal and state requirements maybe added to an advertisement.
  3. Increases the number of days a bidder's information is available from seven to nine working days following bid opening.