AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:205(A) and (B), relative to certain advertising requirements for small purchase bids; to provide for technical corrections; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 48:205(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§205. Bids

A. When except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, when the purchase exceeds twenty-five thousand dollars, or exceeds a higher dollar amount established by the governor's most recent and effective executive order relative to small purchase procedures, the department, except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, shall give reasonable notice through the chief purchasing agent by advertising and by either of the following:

(1) by written notice mailed to persons who furnish the class of commodities involved, or

(2) by notice sent through an electronic interactive environment to persons who furnish the class of commodities involved.

B. Such purchases shall, except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, be made only on award to the lowest responsible bidder in response to requests for bids published in the state. Requests for bids shall be published not less than ten days prior to the date set for opening the bids. The published advertisement and the specifications shall fix the exact place and time for presenting and opening of the bids. The presenting and opening of the bids shall be publicly performed on that day. Bids will be publicly read whenever interested parties are present. The practice of dividing proposed or needed purchases...
into separate installments of less than twenty-five thousand dollars each or the
higher effective amount determined by the governor’s executive order, for the
purpose of evading this provision is expressly prohibited.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________

Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in boldface type and underscored are additions.