

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 312

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2318.1(A) and (B), relative to negotiations for architectural
3 and engineering professional services; to prohibit the state and certain governmental
4 entities or persons they contract with from using price or price-related information
5 as a factor in the selection of specific architectural and engineering professionals for
6 projects using state or local funding; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 38:2318.1(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
9 follows:

10 §2318.1. Louisiana "No Bidding of Architectural and Engineering Professional
11 Services" policy

12 A. It is the policy of the state of Louisiana and its political subdivisions and
13 agencies to select architectural and engineering professional services on the basis of
14 competence and qualifications for a fair and reasonable price. ~~Neither~~ For projects
15 using state or local funding, neither the state nor any of its political subdivisions, ~~or~~
16 agencies, or persons they contract through may select architects, engineers,
17 landscape architects, and land surveyors where price or price-related information is
18 a factor in the selection.

19 B. A political subdivision, ~~or~~ agency, or persons they contract through shall
20 negotiate a contract for professional services at a compensation rate that the agency
21 head determines is fair and reasonable with the firm selected. If the political
22 subdivision, ~~or~~ agency, or persons they contract through is unable to negotiate a

