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2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 138

BY SENATOR RISER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PROCUREMENT CODE. Reduces the threshold for consulting services contracts to be competitively bid or negotiated. (7/1/17)

1 AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:1621(A) and (B), relative to the procurement code; to lower

the threshold for consulting services contracts to be competitively bid or negotiated;

to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 39:1621(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as

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§1621. Consulting service contracts

A. Contracts for consulting services which have a total maximum amount of

compensation less than fifty twenty-five thousand dollars for a twelve-month period

may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding or competitive

12 negotiation.

B. Contracts for consulting services which have a total maximum amount of

compensation of fifty twenty-five thousand dollars or more for a twelve-month

period shall be awarded through a request for proposal process under rules and

regulations issued by the office of state procurement. Service requirements shall not

be artificially divided so as to exempt contracts from the request for proposal

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ben Huxen.

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<u>Present law</u> provides that contracts for consulting services which have a total maximum amount of compensation less than fifty thousand dollars for a twelve-month period may be awarded without the necessity of competitive bidding or competitive negotiation.

<u>Present law</u> further requires that contracts for consulting services which have a total maximum amount of compensation of fifty thousand dollars or more for a twelve-month period shall be awarded through a request for proposal process under rules and regulations issued by the office of state procurement.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but reduces the threshold for consulting services contracts to be competitively bid or negotiated from fifty thousand dollars to twenty-five thousand dollars.

Effective July 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 39:1621(A) and (B))