

2017 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 104

BY SENATOR APPEL

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

CONTRACTORS. Provides relative to bid procedures for contractors. (8/1/17)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2163(A)(1), relative to contractors; to provide for bid specifications and requirements; to provide for certain conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:2163(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2163. Bid procedures; penalty

A.(1) It is the intent of this Section that only contractors who hold an active license be awarded contracts either by bid or through negotiation. All architects, engineers, and awarding authorities shall place in their bid specifications the requirement that a contractor shall certify that he holds an active license under the provisions of this Chapter ~~and show~~ **by displaying** his license number on the bid envelope. In the case of an electronic bid proposal, a contractor may submit an authentic digital signature on the electronic bid proposal accompanied by the contractor's license number in order to meet the requirements of this Paragraph. Except as otherwise provided herein, if the bid does not ~~contain the contractor's certification and show~~ **display** the contractor's license number on the bid envelope,

1 the bid shall be automatically rejected, shall be returned to the bidder marked
2 "Rejected", and shall not be read aloud.

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

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Present law regulates the bid procedure for contractors.

Present law requires that all architects, engineers, and awarding authorities place in their bid specifications the requirement that a contractor shall certify that he holds an active license and show his license number on the bid envelope.

Proposed law provides that the bid specifications require that the contractor certify he holds an active license by displaying his license number on the bid envelope.

Present law provides that if the bid does not contain the contractor's certification and show the contractor's license number on the bid envelope, the bid shall be automatically rejected.

Proposed law provides that if the bid does not display the contractor's license number, the bid shall be automatically rejected.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 37:2163(A)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs to the original bill

1. Provides the contractor's license number must be displayed on bid envelope.