

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 220

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY MILLER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2215(A), relative to contracts for public works; to require the
3 award of a public works contract within a specified time after judgment determining
4 the lowest responsible and responsive bidder; to restrict the application of suspensive
5 appeals for certain public works awards resulting from certain court actions; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 38:2215(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §2215. Time period for holding bids; issuance of work orders to commence work;
10 exceptions

11 A.(1) A public entity shall act not later than forty-five calendar days after the
12 date of opening bids to award such public works contract to the lowest responsible
13 and responsive bidder or to reject all bids. However, the public entity and the lowest
14 responsible and responsive bidder, by mutually written consent, may agree to extend
15 the deadline for award by one or more extensions of thirty calendar days.

16 (2)(a) Expeditious Trial on the Merits. If an interested party or bidder files
17 for an injunction or writ of mandamus, they shall receive a trial on the requested
18 relief in the district court within thirty calendar days of the filing of the suit. The
19 district court shall render a final judgment not more than fifteen calendar days after
20 the conclusion of the trial. A public entity shall award a public works contract in
21 accordance with the judgment of a Louisiana court determining the lowest
22 responsible and responsive bidder no later than forty-five days after such judgment,
23 unless a timely suspensive appeal is filed.

