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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires rejection of bids on supply contracts from companies domiciled in Russia or Communist countries and authorizes rejection of bids on supply contracts when one or more component parts of the supplied goods are manufactured in Russia or a Communist country.

Present law authorizes a public entity to reject the lowest bid if received from a bidder domiciled in a Communist country and to award the contract to the next lowest bidder. Proposed law requires a public entity to reject the lowest bid if received from a bidder domiciled in Russia or a Communist country and to award the contract to the next lowest bidder.

Present law authorizes a public entity to reject the lowest bid if the supplies are manufactured in a Communist country and to award the contract to the next lowest bidder.

Proposed law authorizes a public entity to reject the lowest bid on a contract for supplies if one or more parts of the goods supplied are manufactured in Russia or a Communist country and award the contract to the next lowest bidder whose goods do not contain one or more parts manufactured in Russia or a Communist country.

Present law excepts Communist countries that have established trade relations agreements or approvals from the U.S. government. Proposed law repeals present law. Further authorizes the chief procurement officer to waive application of proposed law to a contract if he determines that compliance with proposed law is not practicable or in the best interest of the state.

Proposed law defines the term "Communist country" to mean China, Vietnam, Laos, Cuba, or North Korea.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 39:1602)