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SENATE BILL NO. 472

BY SENATOR MILLIGAN AND REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

HOMELAND SECURITY. Prohibits contracts with certain foreign-owned companies in connection with critical infrastructure. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 49 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised  
3 of R.S. 51:3051 through 3054, relative to homeland security; to provide relative to  
4 prohibited contracts; to provide for designation of a country as a threat to critical  
5 infrastructure; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Chapter 49 of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,  
8 comprised of R.S. 51:3051 through 3054, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **CHAPTER 49. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN**  
10 **FOREIGN-OWNED COMPANIES IN CONNECTION**  
11 **WITH CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

12 **§3051. Short title**

13 **This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Transparency in**  
14 **Ownership of Critical Infrastructure Law".**

15 **§3052. Definitions**

16 **As used in this Chapter the following terms have the meanings ascribed**  
17 **unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:**

1           (1) "Company" means a sole proprietorship, organization, association,  
2           corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability  
3           partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary,  
4           majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or  
5           business associations, that exists to make a profit.

6           (2) "Critical infrastructure" means a communication infrastructure  
7           system, cybersecurity system, electric grid, hazardous waste treatment system,  
8           or water treatment facility.

9           (3) "Cybersecurity" means the measures taken to protect a computer,  
10           computer network, computer system, or other technology infrastructure against  
11           unauthorized use or access.

12           (4) "Designated country" means a country designated by the governor  
13           as a threat to critical infrastructure pursuant to R.S. 51:3054.

14           (5) "Governmental entity" means a state agency or political subdivision  
15           of this state.

16           §3053. Prohibited contracts

17           A. A governmental entity shall not enter into a contract or other  
18           agreement relating to critical infrastructure in this state with a company if,  
19           under the contract or other agreement, the company would be granted direct  
20           or remote access to or control of critical infrastructure in this state, excluding  
21           access specifically allowed by the governmental entity for product warranty and  
22           support purposes under any of the following circumstances:

23           (1) The governmental entity knows that the company is owned by or the  
24           majority of stock or other ownership interest of the company is held or  
25           controlled by individuals who are citizens of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia,  
26           or a designated country.

27           (2) The governmental entity knows that the company or other entity,  
28           including a governmental entity, is owned or controlled by citizens of or is  
29           directly controlled by the government of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or



- (2) "Critical infrastructure" means a communication infrastructure system, cybersecurity system, electric grid, hazardous waste treatment system, or water treatment facility.
- (3) "Cybersecurity" means the measures taken to protect a computer, computer network, computer system, or other technology infrastructure against unauthorized use or access.
- (4) "Designated country" means a country designated by the governor as a threat to critical infrastructure pursuant to proposed law.
- (5) "Governmental entity" means a state agency or political subdivision of this state.

Proposed law prohibits a governmental entity from entering into a contract or other agreement relating to critical infrastructure in this state with a company if, under the contract or other agreement, the company would be granted direct or remote access to or control of critical infrastructure in this state, excluding access specifically allowed by the governmental entity for product warranty and support purposes under any of the following circumstances:

- (1) The governmental entity knows that the company is owned by or the majority of stock or other ownership interest of the company is held or controlled by individuals who are citizens of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country.
- (2) The governmental entity knows that the company or other entity, including a governmental entity, is owned or controlled by citizens of or is directly controlled by the government of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country.
- (3) The governmental entity knows that the company or other entity is headquartered in China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country.

Proposed law applies regardless of whether the company's or its parent company's securities are publicly traded or the company or its parent company is listed on a public stock exchange as a Chinese, Iranian, North Korean, or Russian company or a company of a designated country.

Proposed law authorizes the governor, after consultation with the director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP), to designate a country as a threat to critical infrastructure for purposes of proposed law.

Proposed law requires the governor to consult the Senate and House select committees on homeland security, to assess a threat to critical infrastructure for purposes of making a designation under proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 51:3051-3054)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

- 1. Narrows the scope of the definition of "critical infrastructure".
- 2. Removes provisions relative to reporting requirements.
- 3. Adds provisions prohibiting contracts or agreements relating to critical infrastructure with companies owned by individuals who are citizens of designated countries determined to be a threat to critical infrastructure.
- 4. Designates China, Iran, North Korea, and Russia as countries that are a threat

to critical infrastructure.

5. Allows the governor to add countries deemed to be a threat to critical infrastructure after consultation with the director of GOHSEP.
6. Requires the governor to consult with the Senate and House committees on homeland security to assess threats to critical infrastructure.