

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HB 80****2023 Regular Session****Gadberry**

CONTRACTS: Provides relative to the prior approval process available to potential suppliers

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Clarifies that a potential supplier may submit a product for prior approval other than a product specified in contract documents.
2. Extends the time period for the bid to at least seven but not more than twenty-one working days if the prime design professional fails to respond within the time period provided.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law (R.S. 38:2295(C)(1)) authorizes a potential supplier may submit a product for prior approval, other than a product specified in the contract documents, no later than seven working days prior to the opening of bids. Present law requires the prime design professional provide written approval or denial of the product submitted within three days after submission, exclusive of holidays and weekends. Specifies that the submitted product will be deemed approved if the design professional fails to respond within the allotted time.

Proposed law modifies present law by removing the deemed-approved provision and replaces the provision with a bid extension lasting for at least seven, but not more than 21 working days. Also changes the required response time after a product is submitted to the prime design professional from three days to 10 days. Changes the period a potential supplier has to submit a product for approval before the opening of bids from seven to 14 days.