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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for methods of procurement for information technology.

Present law provides for the creation of the Joint Legislative Committee on Technology and Cybersecurity (JLCTC). Provides for the duties and functions of the committee, which include the authority to review budget or expenditure requests related to technology or cybersecurity.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the authority to review procurement requests related to technology or cybersecurity.

Present law provides for definitions related to the procurement of information technology.

Proposed law retains present law and adds the definitions of consulting service, invitation to negotiate, and professional service.

Present law provides for the types of contracts permitted in the procurement of information technology systems, information technology services, and software. Provides for contracts to be entered into through a request for proposals.

Proposed law retains present law and adds professional services contracts and consulting services contracts related to information technology to the types of contracts permitted in present law provisions that govern procurement of information technology. Adds competitive sealed bids, competitive sealed proposals, reverse auction, cooperative purchasing, and an invitation to negotiate as the methods of procurement for information technology.

Present law provides for multi-year contracts in the procurement of information technology systems, information technology services, and software.

Proposed law retains present law and adds professional services contracts and consulting services contracts related to information technology to the types of contracts eligible for multi-year contracts. Provides that professional services contracts and consulting services contracts related to information technology shall not exceed five years. Provides that contracts for electronic benefit issuance system services shall be for an initial contract period of six years with an option for two options for two-year extensions up to a maximum of ten years.

Present law requires all multi-year contracts to contain language concerning the appropriation of funds to fulfill the requirements of the contracts. Proposed law retains present law and provides for when funds are not appropriated to continue a multi-year contract and the cost of cancellation of a

contract.

Present law provides for a report of all multi-year contracts to be provided to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) each fiscal year. Provides that any contract entered into for more than three years is subject to approval by JLCB.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the report shall also be provided to JLCTC. Adds that any contract entered into for more than three years, inclusive of initial contract extension options and later executed contract extensions, and has a cost of more than \$2 million or procured through an invitation to negotiate is subject to review by JLCTC and approval of JLCB. Provides deadlines for such review. Further requires the office of technology services to submit a monthly report of all multiyear contracts, including pending contracts, with a cost of more than \$1 million to JLCTC.

Proposed law provides for the invitation to negotiate and sets the parameters for the procurement method.

Present law requires certain contracts to be entered into with the assistance of a procurement support team. Requires assistance in the evaluation of bids and negotiation of contracts. Provides for the composition of the procurement support team.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 24:673(A) and (C) and R.S. 39:198(A), (B)(intro. para.) and (1), (C)(1), (D)(intro. para.), (1), and (2), (E)(intro. para.) and (4), (G)(intro. para.) and (1)(a), (c), and (d), and (M); Adds R.S. 39:197(20)-(22), 1556(63), 1593(6)(f), and 1600.2; Repeals R.S. 39:198(G)(4) and 200(I))