

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 646

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212(P)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 38:2212(C)(5), relative to
3 contract limitations and enforcements for the Department of Culture, Recreation and
4 Tourism projects; to provide for a contract limit for public work projects to be
5 completed by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; to remove the ten
6 day time frame for a public entity to post notice of a public emergency in its official
7 journal; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 38:2212(P)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
10 38:2212(C)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §2212. Advertisement and letting to lowest responsible and responsive bidder;
12 public work; electronic bidding; participation in mentor-protégé program;
13 exemptions; subpoena

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17 (5)(a) For public work related to projects to be completed by the Department
18 of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the "contract limit" shall be one million dollars
19 per project, including labor, materials, and equipment as per the rates in the latest
20 edition of the Associated Equipment Dealers Rental Rate Book and administrative
21 overhead not to exceed fifteen percent, provided that beginning February 1, 2025,
22 and annually on February first of each subsequent year, the office of facility planning

1 and control within the division of administration shall adjust the "contract limit" by
 2 an amount not to exceed the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index
 3 in the preceding year. The office of facility planning and control within the division
 4 of administration shall publish the new contract limit for public works contracts in
 5 the Louisiana Register in January of each year. The provisions of this Paragraph
 6 shall remain effective until December 31, 2029.

7 (b) Contracts for projects with an aggregate estimated cost less than the
 8 contract limit, but in excess of fifty thousand dollars, shall be publicly bid by the
 9 department.

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11 P.(1)(a) This Section shall not apply in cases of public emergency where
 12 such emergency has been certified to by the public entity and notice of such public
 13 emergency shall, ~~within ten days thereof~~, be published in the official journal of the
 14 public entity proposing or declaring such public emergency.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____