

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

HB 646

2024 Regular Session

Thompson

Present law specifies that in cases of public emergency where such emergency has been certified to a public entity notice of the public emergency must be made within 10 days of being published in the official journal of the public entity proposing or declaring such emergency.

Proposed law would have removed the 10-day time period in present law for declaring emergency repairs.

Proposed law would have specified that for public work projects undertaken by the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism the "contracts limit" is \$1,000,000 per project, including labor, material, and equipment as per the rates in the latest edition of the Assoc. Equipment Dealers Rental Rate Book and administrative overhead not exceed 15%, provided beginning Feb. 1, 2025, and annually on Feb. 1st of each subsequent year, the office of facility planning and control within the division of administration adjust the "contracts limit" by an amount not to exceed the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index in the preceding year. Further would have specified that the office of facility planning and control within the division of administration publish the new contracts limit for public works contracts in the La. Register in Jan. of each year.

(Proposed to amend R.S. 38:2212(P)(1)(a); Proposed to add R.S. 38:2212(C)(5))

VETO MESSAGE: "It appears this bill was intended to increase the "contracts limit" for public works projects undertaken by the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism to one million dollars per contract. However, amendments added to the bill seem to contradict that and, instead, further restrict the contract limit for the Department. This bill requires that projects in excess of fifty thousand dollars be publicly bid, which is significantly more restrictive than contracts limits for other Departments.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 646 and returned it to the Legislature."