2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 312

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BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2318.1(A) and (B), relative to negotiations for architectural
3	and engineering professional services; to prohibit the state and certain governmental
4	entities or persons they contract with from using price or price-related information
5	as a factor in the selection of specific architectural and engineering professionals for
6	projects using state or local funding; and to provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 38:2318.1(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
9	follows:
10	§2318.1. Louisiana "No Bidding of Architectural and Engineering Professional
11	Services" policy
12	A. It is the policy of the state of Louisiana and its political subdivisions and
13	agencies to select architectural and engineering professional services on the basis of
14	competence and qualifications for a fair and reasonable price. Neither For projects
15	using state or local funding, neither the state nor any of its political subdivisions, or
16	agencies, or persons they contract through may select architects, engineers,
17	landscape architects, and land surveyors where price or price-related information is
18	a factor in the selection.
19	B. A political subdivision, or agency, or persons they contract through shall
20	negotiate a contract for professional services at a compensation rate that the agency
21	head determines is fair and reasonable with the firm selected. If the political
22	subdivision, or agency, or persons they contract through is unable to negotiate a

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satisfactory contract with that firm, the political subdivision, or agency, or persons

they contract through shall formally terminate negotiations and then undertake
negotiations with the next selected firm, continuing the process until a contract is
negotiated satisfactorily.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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