

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 209

## 2025 Regular Session

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**PUBLIC CONTRACT/BIDS:** Provides relative to the financing structure for public works projects in Ascension Parish

## Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Removes a provision that would have authorized a contract limit of five hundred thousand dollars for public works projects in Ascension parish.
2. Removes a provision that would have required the division of administration to adjust the "contract limit" beginning February 1, 2026, and annually on February 1st of each subsequent year.
4. Removes a provision that would have required the office of facility planning and control within the division of administration to publish the new contract limit for public works contracts in the Louisiana Register in January of each year, beginning January 2026.
5. Changes the amount requiring public entities to secure contracts bonds from an excess of five hundred thousand to two hundred thousand dollars.
6. Makes technical changes.

## Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law provides that for each contract in excess of \$250,000 per project in Ascension Parish the public entity must require the contractor provide a bond with good, solvent, and sufficient surety in a sum of not less than 50% of the contract price for the payment by the contractor or subcontractor to claimants as defined in present law.

Proposed law specifies that the bond furnished is to be a statutory bond and no modifications, omissions, additions in or to the terms of the contract, in the plans or specifications, or in the manner and mode of payment that in any manner diminishes, enlarges, or otherwise modifies the obligations of the bond.

Proposed law requires the bond to be executed by the contractor with surety or sureties approved by the public entity and be recorded with the contract in the office of the recorder of mortgages in the parish where the work is to be done no later than 30 days after the work begins.

(Adds R.S. 38:2241(A)(3))