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## DIGEST

Present law provides that all public work exceeding the contract limit, including labor and materials to be done by a public body, shall be advertised and let to the lowest responsible bidder.

Present law defines the contract limit to equal the sum of one hundred thousand dollars per project, including labor, materials, and equipment as per the rates of the latest edition of the Associated Equipment Dealers Rental Rate Book and administrative overhead not to exceed 15%. Present law also provides a contract limit for the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections projects using inmate labor and specifies a contract limit for certain bridge projects performed by parishes with a population less than 16,000.

Proposed law retains present law and provides a contract limit for public works administered by the division of administration's office of facility planning and control which is necessitated as a result of gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency. Proposed law adds contract limit shall be equal to the sum of \_\_\_ dollars, including labor, materials, and equipment as per the rates in the latest edition of the Associated Equipment Dealers Rental Rate Book and administrative overhead not to exceed \_\_\_ percent.

Proposed law requires the use of contractors domiciled in the state of Louisiana, and as preference for contractors which employ persons displaced from their homes by the declared disaster or emergency and contractors which employ persons domiciled in the state of Louisiana after all attempts have been exhausted to employ persons displaced from their homes by the declared disaster or emergency.

Proposed law prohibits the waiver of such provisions by public entities subject to this contract limit.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(d) (intro para); adds R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(d)(iv))