

First Extraordinary Session, 2005

SENATE BILL NO. 56

BY SENATOR ELLINGTON AND REPRESENTATIVE QUEZAIRE

PUBLIC CONTRACTS. Authorizes the Department of Transportation and Development to utilize the design-build method for certain transportation projects. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 48:250.4, relative to contracts let by the Department of Transportation and
3 Development; to authorize the Department of Transportation and Development to
4 utilize the design-build method to construct transportation projects under certain
5 circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 48:250.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§250.4. Design-build contracts; hurricane-impacted areas**

9 **Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the secretary of the**
10 **Department of Transportation and Development, with approval of the House**
11 **and Senate transportation, highways and public works committees, may utilize**
12 **the design-build method on any transportation infrastructure project in an area**
13 **impacted by a hurricane, including those areas where infrastructure is**
14 **adversely impacted by increased population and traffic as a result of a**
15 **hurricane.**

16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
3 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sherri H. Breaux.

DIGEST

Ellington (SB 56)

Present law authorizes the secretary of DOTD, with approval of the House and Senate transportation committees, to implement a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of combining the design and construction phases of a transportation facility, including but not limited to highways, interchanges, or bridges into a single contract.

Proposed law deletes the department to utilizing the design-build method to construct the new Mississippi River Bridge at St. Francisville (connection to US 61), including approach structures and connecting roadways, and one additional project selected by the secretary; however, the cost of the additional project shall not exceed \$5 million.

Proposed law retains present law but additionally authorizes DOTD, with approval of the House and Senate transportation committees, to utilize the design-build method for any transportation infrastructure project in an area impacted by a hurricane, including areas where infrastructure is adversely impacted by increased population and traffic due to a hurricane.

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

(Adds R.S. 48:250.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Retains present law provisions relative to the administration of design-build contracts by DOTD.
2. Authorizes DOTD, with the approval of the House and Senate transportation committees, to utilize the design-build method for any transportation infrastructure project in an area impacted by a hurricane, including areas where infrastructure is adversely impacted by increased population and traffic due to a hurricane.