

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 1086

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(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

Provides relative to contract limits for certain public contracts.

DIGEST

Present law requires all public work exceeding the contract limit as defined in present law, including labor and materials, to be done by a public entity to be advertised and let by contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder who had bid according to the bidding documents as advertised.

Proposed law provides that, notwithstanding any provision of a home rule charter established subsequent to 1974 to the contrary, no municipality shall be required to advertise and let by contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, who had bid according to the bidding documents as advertised, any public work which is less than the contract limit established by present law unless that municipality by affirmative act of the governing authority adopts a more restrictive limit imposed by home rule charter.

Proposed law would apply to municipalities with a home rule charter established after 1974 with a population less than 65,000 persons as of the most recent federal decennial census.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212(A)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Add for purposes of proposed law that the lowest responsible and responsive bidder would be one who had bid according to the bid documents as advertised.
2. Make a technical change.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Changed applicability of proposed law. Makes the bill applicable to any municipality operating under a home rule charter adopted after 1974 with a population less than 65,000 persons as of the most recent federal decennial census, including the city of Alexandria.
2. Adds that a municipality by affirmative act of the governing authority may adopt a more restrictive contract limit for public work imposed by a home rule charter.