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## DIGEST

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### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

**HB 1086**

**2016 Regular Session**

**Lance Harris**

#### Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

PUBLIC CONTRACT/BIDS: Provides relative to contract limits for certain public contracts

#### Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Changed applicability of proposed law to any municipality operating under a home rule charter adopted after 1974 with a population not less than 45,000 persons and not more than 48,500 as of the most recent federal decennial census.
2. Changed applicability of proposed law 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.
3. Deleted the amendment described directly above.
4. Added that a municipality for which proposed law would apply may by affirmative act of its governing authority adopt a more restrictive contract limit for public work imposed by a home rule charter.
5. Deleted the amendment described directly above.

#### Report amends the bill to:

1. Changes applicability of proposed law to any municipality operating under a home rule charter adopted after 1974 with a population not less than 45,000 persons and not more than 48,800 persons.
2. Adds that a municipality with a home rule charter established subsequent to 1974 with a population range within the limits set by proposed law may impose a more restrictive contract limit for public work than the contract limit in present law.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

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 present law.

Proposed law would apply to municipalities with a home rule charter established after 1974 with a population of not less than 45,000 persons and not more than 48,800 persons as of the most recent federal decennial census.

Effective Aug. 1, 2016.

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