

2019 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 233

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PUBLIC WORKS. Increases the threshold dollar amount that requires public bid for public works projects in St. Charles parish. (8/1/19)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212(C)(1) and (S) and to enact R.S. 38:2212(C)(4), relative

3 to public works projects let by St. Charles Parish; to raise the threshold dollar

4 amount that requires a public bid; and to provide for related matters.

5 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 38:2212(C)(1) and (S) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.

8 38:2212(C)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §2212. Advertisement and letting to lowest responsible and responsive bidder;

10 public work; electronic bidding; participation in mentor-protégé

11 program; exemptions

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13 C.(1) Except as provided in Paragraphs (2), ~~and (3),~~ **and (4)** of this

14 Subsection, the term "contract limit" as used herein shall be equal to the sum of one

15 hundred fifty thousand dollars per project, including labor, materials, and equipment

16 as per the rates in the latest edition of the Associated Equipment Dealers Rental Rate

17 Book and administrative overhead not to exceed fifteen percent, provided that

1 beginning February 1, 2015, and annually on February first of each subsequent year,
2 the office of facility planning and control within the division of administration shall
3 adjust the "contract limit" by an amount not to exceed the annual percentage increase
4 in the Consumer Price Index in the preceding year. The office of facility planning
5 and control within the division of administration shall publish the new contract limit
6 for public works contracts in the Louisiana Register in January of each year.

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8 **(4) For public work to be done by the St. Charles Parish governing**
9 **authority, the term "contract limit" as used herein shall be equal to the sum of**
10 **two hundred fifty thousand dollars per project, including labor, materials, and**
11 **equipment as per the rates in the latest edition of the Associated Equipment**
12 **Dealers Rental Rate Book and administrative overhead not to exceed fifteen**
13 **percent, provided that beginning February 1, 2021, and annually on February**
14 **first of each subsequent year, the office of facility planning and control within**
15 **the division of administration shall adjust the "contract limit" by an amount**
16 **not to exceed the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index in the**
17 **preceding year. The office of facility planning and control within the division**
18 **of administration shall publish the new contract limit for public works contracts**
19 **let by the St. Charles Parish governing authority in the Louisiana Register in**
20 **January of each year beginning in January 2021.**

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22 S. The provisions of this Section shall not prevent public entities from using
23 their regular maintenance employees for labor necessary in the maintenance,
24 construction, or extension of publicly owned and operated electric public utilities.
25 With respect to the construction or extension of all other public utilities, the
26 provisions of this Section shall not prevent public entities from using their regular
27 maintenance employees when the cost of the work per project does not exceed one
28 hundred fifty thousand dollars, including labor and materials, **or two hundred fifty**
29 **thousand dollars for the cost of work per project on St. Charles Parish publicly**

