

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 244

BY SENATOR SMITH

TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT. Provides for legislative determination of priorities in the final construction program. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 48:231(A)(6), relative to the Department of Transportation and  
3 Development; to provide relative to proposal of the annual construction program; to  
4 provide for prioritization of projects; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 48:231(A)(6) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §231. Final construction program for current fiscal year; public hearings; Joint  
8 Highway Priority Construction Committee; reports; review by  
9 legislature; restrictions on legislature

10 A. \* \* \*

11 (6) When this final construction program is communicated to the legislature  
12 for funding for the coming fiscal year, any project which the legislature determines  
13 is not in the proper order of priority in accordance with the factors stated in R.S.  
14 ~~48:229~~ **48:229.1** may be deleted by the legislature. However, the legislature shall not  
15 add any projects to this final construction program, nor shall the legislature make  
16 substitutions for projects which have been removed.

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1           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
3 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
5 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by LG Sullivan.

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## DIGEST

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Present law requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to provide a proposed program of construction for the coming fiscal year to the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee by October 1st annually. Specifies that if the final construction program communicated to the legislature contains a project that the legislature determines is not in the proper order of priority in accordance with certain factors, that project may be deleted by the legislature.

Proposed law retains present law and makes a technical change to the appropriate citation in present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 48:231(A)(6))