

2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 182

BY SENATOR WHITE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PUBLIC CONTRACTS. Provides relative to public bid forms and specifications. (8/1/21)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2163(B), relative to public bids procedures; to provide
3 regarding access to forms and specifications; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 37:2163(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §2163. Bid procedures; penalty

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8 ~~B. Where bids are to be received or forms furnished by the awarding~~
9 ~~authority, no proposal forms or specifications shall be issued to anyone except a~~
10 ~~licensed contractor who holds an active license or his authorized representatives. In~~
11 no event shall proposal forms be issued later than twenty-four hours prior to the hour
12 and date set for receiving proposals.

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The original instrument was prepared by Martha Hess. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Matt DeVille.

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Present law requires that only contractors holding an active license may be awarded contracts either by bid or through negotiation and that the contractor's license number be displayed on the bid envelope or an authentic digital signature in the case of an electronic bid.

Proposed law retains these provisions.

Present law requires that if bids are to be received or forms furnished by an awarding authority, then no proposal forms or specifications can be issued to anyone except a licensed contractor or his representative. Requires that all proposal forms be issued no later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals.

Proposed law deletes the provisions limiting the issuance of proposal forms or specifications to a licensed contractor or his representative only.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 37:2163(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Deletes requirement that proposal forms or specifications be issued to an actively licensed contractor or his representative only.