

SENATE BILL NO. 127

BY SENATOR CARTER

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 48:205(A) and (B), relative to certain advertising requirements
3 for small purchase bids; to provide for technical corrections; and to provide for
4 related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 48:205(A) and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §205. Bids

9 A. ~~When~~ **Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, when** the purchase
10 exceeds twenty-five thousand dollars; **or exceeds a higher dollar amount**
11 **established by the governor's most recent and effective executive order relative**
12 **to small purchase procedures,** the department, ~~except as otherwise provided in this~~
13 ~~Chapter,~~ shall give reasonable notice through the chief purchasing agent by
14 advertising and **by either of the following:**

15 **(1) by written** **Written** notice mailed to persons ~~which~~ **who** furnish the class
16 of commodities involved, ~~or,~~

17 **(2) by notice** **Notice** sent through an electronic interactive environment to
18 persons ~~which~~ **who** furnish the class of commodities involved.

19 B. ~~Such purchases shall, except~~ **Except** as otherwise provided in this Chapter,
20 **such purchases shall** be made only on award to the lowest responsible bidder in
21 response to requests for bids published in the state. Requests for bids shall be
22 published ~~not less than ten days~~ **ten days or more** prior to the date set for opening
23 the bids. The published advertisement and the specifications shall fix the exact place
24 and time for presenting and opening of the bids. The presenting and opening of the
25 bids shall be publicly performed on that day. Bids will be publicly read whenever
26 interested parties are present. The practice of dividing proposed or needed purchases

1 into separate installments of less than twenty-five thousand dollars each or the
2 higher effective amount determined by the governor's executive order, for the
3 purpose of evading this provision is expressly prohibited.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____