

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 297

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

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

CONTRACTS: Provides for a "contract limit" for public works projects by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212(P)(1)(a) and to enact R.S. 38:2212(C)(5), relative to  
3 contract limitations for public works projects by the Department of Culture,  
4 Recreation and Tourism; to provide for a "contract limit" for public works projects  
5 to be completed by the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; to remove  
6 the ten-day time frame for a public entity to post notice of a public emergency in its  
7 official journal; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 38:2212(P)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
10 38:2212(C)(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §2212. Advertisement and letting to lowest responsible and responsive bidder;  
12 public work; electronic bidding; participation in mentor-protégé program;  
13 exemptions; subpoena

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17 (5)(a) For public works related to projects to be completed by the  
18 Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, the "contract limit" shall be one  
19 million dollars per project, including labor, materials, and equipment as per the rates  
20 in the latest edition of the Associated Equipment Dealers Rental Rate Book and



2026, and annually on Feb. 1st of each subsequent year, the office of facility planning and control within the division of administration shall adjust the contract limit by an amount not to exceed the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index in the preceding year. Further specifies the office of facility planning and control within the division of administration shall publish the new contract limit for public works contracts in the La. Register in Jan. of each year. Specifies that proposed law will be effective until Dec. 31, 2029.

Proposed law requires contracts for projects with an aggregate estimated cost less than the contract limit but in excess of \$50,000 be publicly bid by the dept.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212(P)(1)(a); Adds R.S. 38:2212(C)(5))