

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 312

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

PUBLIC CONTRACTS: Prohibits the state and any of its political subdivisions or agencies from using price or price-related information as a factor in the selection of architectural and engineering professional services for certain projects

## 1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2318.1(A), relative to negotiations for architectural and  
3 engineering professional services; to prohibit the state and certain governmental  
4 entities or persons they contract with from using price or price-related information  
5 as a factor in the selection of specific architectural and engineering professionals for  
6 projects using state or local funding; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 38:2318.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §2318.1. Louisiana "No Bidding of Architectural and Engineering Professional  
10 Services" policy

11 A. It is the policy of the state of Louisiana and its political subdivisions and  
12 agencies to select architectural and engineering professional services on the basis of  
13 competence and qualifications for a fair and reasonable price. ~~Neither~~ For projects  
14 using state or local funding, neither the state nor any of its political subdivisions, ~~or~~  
15 agencies, or persons they contract through may select architects, engineers,  
16 landscape architects, and land surveyors where price or price-related information is  
17 a factor in the selection.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that political subdivisions, agencies, or persons they contract with are prohibited from using price or price-related information as a factor in the selection of architects, engineers, landscape architects, and land surveyors.

Present law establishes a policy for the state, its political subdivisions, and its agencies to select architectural and engineering professional services based on competence and qualifications for a fair and reasonable price. Prohibits the state and its political subdivisions or agencies from selecting architects, engineers, landscape architects, and land surveyors from using price or price-related information as a factor in the selection.

Proposed law modifies present law by prohibiting political subdivisions, agencies, or persons they contract through from using price or price-related information as a factor in selecting architects, engineers, landscape architects, and land surveyors for projects using state or local funding.

(Amends R.S. 38:2318.1(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.