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## DIGEST

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HB 312 Reengrossed

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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.

Proposed law modifies present law by requiring subdivisions, agencies, or persons they contract through to negotiate for professional services at a rate that is fair and reasonable. Should the subdivisions, agencies, or persons they contract through be unable to properly negotiate the contract, it is required they formally terminate negotiations and undertake negotiations with the next firm, continuing the process until negotiated satisfactorily.

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

### 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.

### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add persons the state or any of its political subdivisions or agencies contract through as

an entity authorized to negotiate contracts for professional services and the compensation rate and formally terminate negotiations when necessary.