

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 315

BY SENATOR REESE

PUBLIC CONTRACTS. Increases budget cost minimums for professional services contract exemptions. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2316, relative to professional service contract exemptions;
3 to provide for thresholds; to provide for contract requirements; to provide for an
4 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 38:2316 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §2316. Applicability

8 Except as provided in R.S. 38:2311(C), the provisions of this Part shall not
9 apply to professional service contracts in which the estimated project budget cost is
10 ~~one~~ **two** million dollars or less. **Any agency that enters into more than one**
11 **professional services contract in any given fiscal year shall ensure that not less**
12 **than fifty percent of the total number of such contracts are awarded to separate,**
13 **distinct, and unaffiliated professional services firms if such contracts are**
14 **exempt pursuant to the provisions of this Section.**

15 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2026; if vetoed by the governor
16 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day
17 following such approval by the legislature or July 1, 2026, whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

DIGEST

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Present law (R.S. 38:2310 et seq.) provides requirements for agencies seeking to enter into professional services contracts for architect, engineer, or landscape architect services.

Present law exempts from such requirements professional services contracts in which the estimated budget is \$1,000,000 or less. Proposed law increases this exemption threshold from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

Proposed law requires any agency that enters into more than one professional services contract in any given fiscal year to ensure that not less than 50% of the total number of such contracts are awarded to separate, distinct, and unaffiliated professional services firms if such contracts are exempt pursuant to present law.

Effective July 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 38:2316)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by SenateSenate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Add provision requiring agencies to ensure that not less than 50% of contracts are awarded to separate, distinct, and unaffiliated professional services firms in certain circumstances.
2. Change the effective date from upon signature of the governor to July 1, 2026.