

Existing law provides for bids for public contracts and purchasing of materials and supplies, to be electronically transmitted to local governments via secure electronic interactive environment. The public entity shall delineate any special conditions in the advertisement for bids. The advertisement shall contain the electronic address of the public entity and established times that the public would have access to such electronic interactive environment for purposes of submission of a bid.

Existing law provides the option for bids to be electronically transmitted to political subdivisions via secure electronic interactive environment. The public entity shall delineate any special conditions in the advertisement for bids. The advertisement shall contain the electronic address of the public entity, any bid-related information, as well as all written notifications of the bid information.

Existing law provides an exception for receiving electronic bids for those political subdivisions that do not have high speed Internet access until such time that they acquire access.

New law exempts any special service district created by a police jury form of government and which is unable to comply with requirements of receiving bids by high speed Internet access without securing and expending additional funding. Further exempts the special service district from any expenditures for high speed Internet access, software, personnel costs, training, or other office equipment directly relating to the receipt of bids via high speed Internet access.

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(Adds R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(f)(v) and 2212.1(B)(4)(e))