

Prior law authorized a public entity that is advertising and letting for bid a public works contract to require a deposit from a prime bidder who requests a complete set of bid documents. Provided that the deposit is refundable. Prior law also authorized in instances where the public entity, itself, prepares and distributes the contract documents, to charge a fee for the documents, which shall not exceed the actual cost of reproduction.

New law retains prior law and also provides that when the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, itself, prepares and distributes electronic contract documents, it may, in lieu of a deposit, charge a fee for each paper document, not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction.

Effective upon signature of the governor (June 5, 2013).

(Amends R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(e))