

SENATE BILL NO. 210

BY SENATOR MURRAY

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(e), relative to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans; to provide for a maximum fee under certain circumstances; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(e) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2212. Advertisement and letting to lowest responsible bidder; public work; electronic bidding; participation in mentor-protégé program; exemptions

A.(1) \* \* \*

(e)(i) Each public entity advertising and letting for bid a public works contract under the provisions of this Section shall furnish all prime bidders who request bid documents and who are properly licensed by the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors with at least one set of complete bid documents. The public entity may require a deposit on the bid documents; however, the total cost of the deposit, including handling fees and other costs shall not exceed twice the actual cost of reproduction. Deposits on the first set of documents furnished bona fide prime bidders will be fully refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. On other sets of documents furnished to bidders the deposit less actual cost of reproduction, will be refunded upon return of the documents no later than ten days after receipt of bids. Where the public entity, itself, prepares and distributes the contract documents, the public entity may, in lieu of a deposit, charge a fee for the documents, which shall not exceed the actual cost of reproduction.

1                    **(ii) Where the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, itself,**  
 2                    **prepares and distributes electronic contract documents, the Sewerage and**  
 3                    **Water Board of New Orleans may, in lieu of a deposit, charge a fee for each**  
 4                    **paper document, which shall not exceed the actual cost of reproduction.**

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6                    Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 7                    signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 8                    by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 9                    vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 10                   effective on the day following such approval.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_