

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 432

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

PURCHASING/PUB BID LAW: Includes installation of equipment in items which may be purchased through a school district purchasing cooperative

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212.1(N), relative to the Public Bid Law, to include
3 installation of equipment in the items that may be purchased through a school district
4 purchasing cooperative; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 38:2212.1(N) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §2212.1. Advertisement and letting to lowest responsible bidder; materials and
8 supplies; exemptions

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10 N.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Part to the contrary, any public
11 school district or public school may participate in a school district purchasing
12 cooperative for the purchase of materials, equipment, installation thereof, and
13 supplies.

14 (2) Public schools and public school districts which are members of a school
15 district purchasing cooperative may purchase materials, equipment, installation
16 thereof, and supplies in accordance with contracts submitted to the school district
17 purchasing cooperative by a vendor.

18 (3) As used in this Subsection, "school district purchasing cooperative"
19 means an organization, whether for profit or not for profit, of which two or more
20 public school districts are members and which solicits proposals or bids from

1 vendors of services, materials, equipment, or supplies of the type and nature as may
2 be purchased by a public school district or public school.

3 (4) A school district purchasing cooperative shall use the following request
4 for proposals process in the solicitation of vendors for materials, equipment,
5 installation thereof, and supplies:

6 (a) Public notice shall be given by the placement of an advertisement in the
7 official journal of the state at least once. Advertisements may also be placed in other
8 newspapers, trade journals, and websites at the discretion of the cooperative.

9 (b) The notice shall include the nature of the materials, equipment,
10 installation thereof, or supplies sought and may include information on the estimated
11 quantity sought and the time frame for purchase by the members of the cooperative.

12 (c) The advertisement shall appear at least fifteen days before the last day
13 that proposals may be submitted.

14 (d) The notice shall be provided at least fifteen days before the last day for
15 proposals to be accepted to persons, firms, or companies that have requested to be
16 notified of requests for proposals.

17 (e) The notice shall include information with regard to the deadline for
18 submission of proposals and contact information for questions concerning the
19 solicitation.

20 (f) The responsible and responsive proposal that provides the lowest price
21 shall be selected.

22 (g) The selected vendor shall agree to make the subject materials, equipment,
23 installation thereof, or supplies available for the price set forth in the proposal to any
24 member of the school district purchasing cooperative.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Includes installation costs of equipment in the items which may be purchased through a school district purchasing cooperative.

Present law, the Public Bid Law, requires purchase of materials and supplies out of public funds in excess of \$30,000 to be let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Requires purchases between \$10,000 and \$30,000 to obtain at least three quotes.

Present law provides an exception for school districts or public schools, which may participate in a school district purchasing cooperative for certain purchases. The school district purchasing cooperative shall use the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Requires the proposal that provides the lowest price to be selected.

Present law applies to purchases of materials, equipment, and supplies.

Proposed law applies to installation of equipment in addition to the actual equipment.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212(N))