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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the electronic submission of competitive sealed bids and proposals on a secure electronic interactive system as an alternative bidding option.

Present law requires certain public entity contracts exceeding an amount provided for in present law to be awarded through competitive sealed bidding. Further requires public notice of an invitation for bids and requires all bids to be opened publicly. Present law establishes criteria for evaluating bids and for awarding contracts.

Present law authorizes a competitive request for proposals process for procurement of certain items when the commissioner of administration approves and the state chief procurement officer determines it is in the best interest of the state. Further requires public notice of the request for proposals and establishes criteria for evaluating proposals and for awarding contracts.

Proposed law retains present law, but additionally requires a public entity to provide a secure electronic interactive system for submission of competitive sealed bids and proposals. Further requires that the system be established using the same standards adopted for secure electronic interactive systems used for receiving bids for public works, as provided for in present law.

Proposed law provides for exceptions to the requirement that a public entity provide a secure electronic interactive system for the following public entities:

- (1) Public entities that are currently without high-speed Internet access, until high-speed Internet access becomes available.
- (2) Any parish with a police jury form of government and a population of less than 20,000.
- (3) Any city or municipality with a population of less than 10,000.
- (4) Any public entity that is unable to comply with the electronic proposal submission provisions of proposed law without securing and expending additional funding.

(Amends R.S. 39:1594(C)(5) and (D)-(I) and 1595(B)(4) and (6)-(12); Adds R.S. 39:1594(J) and 1595(B)(13))