

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 233

2019 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

PUBLIC WORKS. Increases "contract limit" that requires public bid for public work related to drainage projects done by regular maintenance employees in St. Charles Parish. (8/1/19)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Changes the sunset date of proposed law from June 30, 2020, to December 31, 2020.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

DIGEST

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Present law provides that all public work exceeding the contract limit, including labor and materials, to be done by a public entity shall be advertised and let by contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder who bid according to the bidding documents as advertised, and that no such public work shall be done except as provided in present law.

Present law provides, with certain exceptions, that the term "contract limit" shall be equal to the sum of \$150,000 per project, including labor, materials, and equipment as per the rates in the latest edition of the Associated Equipment Dealers Rental Rate Book and administrative overhead not to exceed 15%. Provides that beginning February 1, 2015, and annually on February 1st of each subsequent year, the office of facility planning and control within the division of administration shall adjust the "contract limit" by an amount not to exceed the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index in the preceding year. The contract limit published in the Louisiana Register in the January 2019 edition is \$157,700.

Proposed law provides an exception to the "contract limit" definition for public work related to drainage projects to be done by regular maintenance employees of the St. Charles Parish governing authority. Provides that the term "contract limit" shall be equal to the sum of \$250,000 per project, including labor, materials, and equipment as per the rates in the latest edition of the Associated Equipment Dealers Rental Rate Book and administrative overhead not to exceed 15%. Provides that beginning February 1, 2021, and annually on February 1st of each subsequent year, the office of facility planning and control within the division of administration shall adjust the "contract limit" by an amount not to exceed the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index in the preceding year. The office of facility planning and control within the division of administration shall publish the new contract limit for public works contracts let by the St. Charles Parish governing authority in the Louisiana Register in January of each year.

Proposed law sunsets "contract limit" exception for St. Charles Parish on December 31, 2020.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212(C)(1); adds R.S. 38:2212(C)(4))