
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for advertisement and electronic submittal procedures for the lease of public lands.

Present law requires advertisements for leased land be published in the official journal of the parish where the land is situated for a period of not less than 15 days and at least one week during three consecutive weeks.

Proposed law provides that each bid for the lease of public lands shall be submitted by hand, registered or certified mail, or electronically.

Proposed law prohibits the submittal of a bid on holidays recognized by the U.S. Postal Service.

Proposed law requires that all public entities provide for electronic receipt of bids in accordance with the standards of the governor's office, the division of administration, and the office of technology services, unless the public entity meets certain exceptions.

Proposed law exempts public entities with no high speed internet access from proposed law until a time when the public entity does have high speed internet access.

Proposed law exempts the following from proposed law requirements:

- (1) Parishes with police juries and populations less than 20,000.
- (2) Cities or municipalities with populations less than 10,000.
- (3) Public entities that are unable to comply with proposed law without securing and expending additional funding.

Proposed law specifies that public entities have the option of requiring electronic bidding for competitive bids.

Proposed law requires public entities to include all information regarding the advertisement for bids in present law.

(Amends R.S. 41:1214(B); Adds R.S. 41:1214(E))