

SENATE BILL NO. 104

BY SENATOR APPEL

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2163(A)(1), relative to contractors; to provide for bid specifications and requirements; to provide for certain conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:2163(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2163. Bid procedures; penalty

A.(1) It is the intent of this Section that only contractors who hold an active license be awarded contracts either by bid or through negotiation. All architects, engineers, and awarding authorities shall place in their bid specifications the requirement that a contractor shall certify that he holds an active license under the provisions of this Chapter ~~and show~~ **by displaying** his license number on the bid envelope. In the case of an electronic bid proposal, a contractor may submit an authentic digital signature on the electronic bid proposal accompanied by the contractor's license number in order to meet the requirements of this Paragraph. Except as otherwise provided herein, if the bid does not ~~contain the contractor's certification and show~~ **display** the contractor's license number on the bid envelope, the bid shall be automatically rejected, shall be returned to the bidder marked "Rejected", and shall not be read aloud.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____