

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 235

BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES

PUBLIC CONTRACT/BIDS: Increases the dollar amount for the exception to public bid law applicable to the purchase of vehicles by local government units

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212.1(A)(2)(a), relative to public bid law exceptions; to
3 increase the exception limit that triggers the application of certain public bid law
4 requirements to the purchase of vehicles for conversion into law enforcement
5 vehicles; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 38:2212.1(A)(2)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 §2212.1. Advertisement and letting to lowest responsible bidder; materials and
10 supplies; exemptions

11 A.

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13 (2)(a) Any purchase by a local governmental unit of a used or new motor
14 vehicle for conversion into a law enforcement vehicle, which purchase cost does not
15 exceed the sum of ~~forty~~ seventy thousand dollars per vehicle, shall not be subject to
16 the threshold delineated in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection. Written specifications,
17 quotations, and confirmation of accepted offers for such purchase shall be obtained
18 and made a part of the purchase file. However, any such purchase which sum is in
19 excess of ~~forty~~ seventy thousand dollars per vehicle shall be advertised and let for
20 bid under the procedures outlined by the provisions of this Section.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the dollar amount for the exception for local government unit purchases of vehicles for conversion to a law enforcement vehicle.

Present law provides an exception for purchase by a local government unit of a new motor vehicle for conversion into a law enforcement vehicle that does not exceed the purchase price of \$40,000.

Present law requires that purchases by a local government unit of new motor vehicles for conversion into law enforcement vehicles that exceed the price of \$40,000 must be advertised and let out for bid.

Proposed law increases the exception amount in present law from \$40,000 to \$70,000 per vehicle.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212.1(A)(2)(a))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Add back the present law exception removed under the proposed law and increase the amount for purchase by a local government unit of a new motor vehicle for conversion into a law enforcement vehicle from \$40,000 to \$70,000 before the purchase must be advertised and let out for bid.
2. Make technical changes.