

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE STUDY REQUEST NO. 4

BY REPRESENTATIVE TALBOT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Requests the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to study and make recommendations regarding procedures that can be implemented to address the failure of local governmental subdivisions to make timely payments on public works contracts

1 A STUDY REQUEST

2 To the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to study and make  
3 recommendations regarding procedures that can be implemented in order to address  
4 the failure of local governmental subdivisions to make timely payments on public  
5 works contracts and to report its findings to the House of Representatives no later  
6 than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature  
7 of Louisiana.

8 WHEREAS, public works improvements such as roadways, railways, drainage  
9 systems, sewage and water treatment systems, airports, harbor areas, and ports are all  
10 necessary to make modern societies work efficiently and effectively; and

11 WHEREAS, public works improvements affect the everyday lives of citizens  
12 residing in local communities throughout the state of Louisiana, and citizens depend on local  
13 governmental subdivisions to provide many of these improvements within their respective  
14 communities; and

15 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 1128 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature  
16 proposes to enact R.S. 39:2211 to establish time frames within which all obligations arising  
17 under public contracts are to be paid and remedies for those who fail to receive timely  
18 payments; and

19 WHEREAS, testimony was given during a committee hearing on House Bill No.  
20 1128 regarding issues that arise when local governmental subdivisions fail to make timely

1 payments on public works contracts, including financial stress endured by those who are  
2 parties to such contracts and the exposure of the public to potential safety hazards; and

3 WHEREAS, local governmental subdivisions must provide public work  
4 improvements of the highest quality, and it is imperative that they make timely payments to  
5 contractors who provide such improvements in order to ensure that quality standards are  
6 maintained, which will ultimately ensure the health and safety of their residents.

7 THEREFORE, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana requests  
8 the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to study and make  
9 recommendations regarding procedures that can be implemented in order to address the  
10 failure of local governmental subdivisions to make timely payments on public works  
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