

Regular Session, 2008  
HOUSE BILL NO. 558  
BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNS

# ACT No. 726

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212(A)(3)(a), (b), and (c), relative to public contracts; to  
3 provide relative to certain designer's estimates and to the procedures for bidding on  
4 such contracts including forms used for such purposes; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 38:2212(A)(3)(a), (b), and (c) are hereby amended and reenacted to  
8 read as follows:

9 §2212. Advertisement and letting to lowest responsible bidder; public work;  
10 electronic bidding; participation in mentor-protégé program

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13 (3)(a) The advertisement required by this Section for any contract for public  
14 works shall be published once a week for three different weeks in a newspaper in the  
15 locality, and the first advertisement shall appear at least twenty-five days before the  
16 opening of bids. In addition to the newspaper advertisement, a public entity may  
17 also publish an advertisement by electronic media available to the general public.

18 ~~(c)(b)~~ The first publication of the advertisement shall not occur on a  
19 Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Plans and specifications shall be available to  
20 bidders on the day of the first advertisement and shall be available until twenty-four  
21 hours before the bid opening date.

22 (c)(i) If at the end of the contract document phase, it is determined that the  
23 designer's estimate is more than the funds budgeted by the public entity for the  
24 project, the project shall not be advertised for bid. The designer's estimate shall be  
25 read aloud upon opening bids.

