

FINAL LAGC 2022 LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

SB 271, Sen. Womack, has been signed into law, becoming Act 744. It will be effective on August 1. The LAGC-sponsored bill that establishes “working days” for public works projects as it pertains to the bid process, not construction, definitively establishes that whenever a public entity adds to the bidding documents any additional requirements, in excess those already contained in the law’s “Louisiana Uniform Bid Form, they shall be void and not considered in the award of the contract, and also requires that bidder information shall be available for request either no sooner than nine days following the bid opening or after the recommendation of the design profession (current law is fourteen days).

SB 474, Sen. Womack and Sen. McMath, addressing “change orders” issues and establishing a timeframe and process in getting change orders to the point where they will be timely approved was “shelved”. A resolution was then passed and the many groups engaged in the issue will work during the interim to come up with a solution. Meetings should begin within the next month.

SB 423, Sen. Foil, has been signed into law, becoming Act 424. It becomes effective on August 1. It amends the public works act relative to a supplier being able to submit a product for “prior approval”, and requiring the prime design professional to respond or reject the product within the three-day period allotted, shall be considered approved. If no such response is made, then the "submitted equal" is approved.

SB 429, Sen. Womack, has been signed into law, becoming Act 756. It goes into effect on August 1. It amends the public works act relative to “substantial completion” and punch lists. Limits the time and the number that a punch list can be amended

SB 710, Rep. Stefanski, has been signed into law, becoming Act 573. It goes into effect on August 1. It revised the Construction Management at Risk law. The law requires the Selection Committee members sign an Ethics letter and to get a full briefing of the work involved and what a Selection Committee members can ask and not ask, It also allowed for the public owner, should the winning proposer is declared non response, then the contract can be awarded to the second placed proposer.

HB 457, Rep, Carpenter, has been signed, becoming Act 222. It became effective on May 31. It pertains to the City of Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish seeking legislative approval of its’ program for socially and economically disadvantaged businesses. The Statute limits the Program to 20%.