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Louisiana Gun Bill Risks Roiling Wall Street's Muni Business.

- Proposal would limit work with banks with gun restrictions
- Bill sent to state's Republican governor for signature

Louisiana could soon bar banks that "discriminate" against firearm entities from working on government contracts, after lawmakers advanced legislation that's similar to a Texas statute that has whipsawed Wall Street firms' public-finance work.

State lawmakers passed Senate Bill 234 last week and sent the legislation to Republican Governor Jeff Landry's office for signature. Under the <u>legislation</u>, any company into entering a public contract of \$100,000 or more must provide a written verification that they do not have a "practice, policy, guidance, or directive" that would "discriminate" against firearm entities or trade groups.

If passed, it would add to the pressure campaign from GOP states against Wall Street. Texas enacted a <u>similar law</u> in 2021 targeting Corporate America's firearm policies, and it has <u>hurt</u> some large banks' public-finance business in the state.

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