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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the Cameron Parish School Board to sell or exchange 16th section lands in Cameron Parish on behalf of the state.

Present law provides that the title to 16th section lands is held by the state.

Present law authorizes school boards to sell or lease unused 16th section state lands after an election held in the township where the 16th section is located.

Present law also authorizes school boards to sell other unused immovable property through a public bid process.

Proposed law further authorizes the Cameron Parish School Board to approve the sale or exchange of 16th section lands in Cameron Parish, using the public bid process under present law for a sale, or through an exchange where the property received is of equal or greater value than the 16th section lands.

Proposed law requires that an appraisal be obtained and a public hearing be held prior to the school board determining whether the lands should be sold or exchanged.

Proposed law provides that the school board president would be the authorized signatory for any sale or exchange of 16th section state lands approved by the board.

(Adds R.S. 41:729)