

SENATE BILL NO. 438

BY SENATOR CHABERT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 41:1004, relative to the sale of timber on state lands; to make
3 technical changes; to provide for the sale of timber by the state land office; to
4 prohibit accepting bids less than the minimum price established by the Department
5 of Agriculture and Forestry; to provide terms, conditions, and requirements; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 41:1004 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §1004. Place; time; minimum price; proces-verbal

10 A. The timber so advertised shall be sold to the highest bidder by the sheriff
11 of the parish wherein the timber is located, at the time and place mentioned in the
12 advertisement for the consideration of bids. All bids shall be submitted sealed and
13 opened publicly by the sheriff. No bid shall be accepted by the sheriff after the time
14 designated as the time for opening such bids. No bid shall be considered unless
15 accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, or bank money order in the exact
16 amount of the bid submitted and made payable to the sheriff of the parish in which
17 the sale is conducted. No bid shall be accepted if less than the minimum price
18 established by the ~~Office~~ **Department** of **Agriculture and** Forestry. The sheriff
19 conducting the sale shall deliver a proces-verbal of the sale to the successful bidder.

20 **B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when the register of the**
21 **state land office determines that the disposition of timber by the sheriff is not**
22 **in the best interest of the state, the register of the state land office may conduct**

1 a sale by utilizing sealed bids. No bid shall be accepted if less than the minimum
2 price established by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____