

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 919

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

PUBLIC LANDS/SCHOOLS: Authorizes the exchange of certain school land by the Union Parish School Board

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 41:906, relative to the exchange of school land; to authorize the Union Parish
3 School Board to exchange school land, including but not limited to sixteenth section
4 land; to provide for procedures, terms, and conditions, including advertisement,
5 appraisals, and public hearing for such exchange; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 41:906 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §906. Union Parish School Board; exchange of unused school land

9 A. Whenever the Union Parish School Board determines that a parcel of its
10 property in Union Parish, including but not limited to sixteenth section land, is no
11 longer needed for school purposes and that the best interest of the public school
12 system would be served by the exchange of such land for other land of comparable
13 value, the school board may exchange such land for other land in Union Parish in
14 accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section.

15 B. The Union Parish School Board shall hold a public hearing to receive
16 public comment concerning the exchange of school land. Prior to the public hearing,
17 the school board shall obtain an appraisal from a certified appraiser of the land being
18 considered for exchange, and such appraisal shall be available for public inspection
19 at the hearing.

1 C. The school board shall provide notice of the public hearing and notice of
2 its intent to consider the exchange of land as well as a brief description of both
3 parcels of land by advertisement in the official journal of Union Parish on at least
4 three separate days at least thirty days prior to the date on which the hearing is held.

5 D. After such hearing and after giving due consideration to any public
6 comment, the school board may, at a regularly scheduled meeting, authorize the
7 exchange of land provided that a majority of the elected membership of the school
8 board determines that the exchange is for a valid purpose, is in the best interest of the
9 school board, and that the lands to be exchanged are of comparable value.

10 E. The powers and rights conferred by this Section shall be in addition to the
11 powers and rights conferred by any other general or special law. This Section does
12 and shall be construed to provide a complete and additional method for the exchange
13 of unused school land, including but not limited to sixteenth section land, by the
14 school board. No proceeding, notice, or approval shall be required for the exchange
15 of unused school land by the school board, except as provided in this Section. The
16 provisions of this Section shall be liberally construed for the accomplishment of its
17 purposes.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the Union Parish School Board to exchange unused school land and provides for procedures and conditions.

Proposed law authorizes the Union Parish School Board to exchange unused school land, including sixteenth section land, for other land in Union Parish in accordance with proposed law procedures and conditions.

Proposed law requires:

- (1) Public hearing and notice of such hearing.
- (2) Appraisal of land being considered for exchange.
- (3) A vote of a majority of the elected membership of the school board at a regularly scheduled hearing to authorize an exchange of land and determine the exchange of

land is for a valid purpose, is in the best interest of the school board, and that the lands to be exchanged are of comparable value.

(Adds R.S. 41:906)