

ACT No. 234

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 919

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

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.

20 C. The school board shall provide notice of the public hearing and notice of
21 its intent to consider the exchange of land as well as a brief description of both

1 parcels of land by advertisement in the official journal of Union Parish on at least
2 three separate days at least thirty days prior to the date on which the hearing is held.

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____