

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 350

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PROPERTY/PUBLIC: Authorizes the exchange of certain state property in Calcasieu Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To authorize and provide for the transfer of certain state property; to authorize the exchange  
3 of certain property in Calcasieu Parish; to authorize the transfer of certain state  
4 property in St. Tammany Parish; to provide property descriptions; to provide for the  
5 reservation of mineral rights; to provide terms and conditions; to provide for an  
6 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. The commissioner of administration and the president of McNeese State  
9 University, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, are hereby authorized  
10 and empowered to convey, transfer, assign, lease, or deliver any interest, excluding mineral  
11 rights, the state may have in and to all or any portion of the following described property in  
12 Calcasieu Parish to the City of Lake Charles in exchange for the property described in

13 Section 2 of this Act:

14 The Northeast quarter, the East half of the East half of the Northwest quarter,  
15 and the North half of the Southwest quarter of Section 22, Township 10  
16 South, Range 8 West, Calcasieu Parish

17 Section 2. In exchange for the property described in Section 1 of this Act, the  
18 commissioner of administration and the president of McNeese State University are hereby  
19 authorized and empowered to accept from the City of Lake Charles title to all or any portion  
20 of the following described property:

21 City of Lake Charles Fire Station, Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Block 1 of Gulfgate  
22 Subdivision, less and except Highway Parcel 23-1, City of Lake Charles,  
23 Parish of Calcasieu

1           Section 3. The commissioner of administration and the president of McNeese State  
 2 University are hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, covenants, conditions, and  
 3 stipulations and to execute such documents as may be necessary to properly effectuate any  
 4 conveyance, transfer, assignment, lease, or delivery of title, excluding mineral rights, of the  
 5 property described in Section 1 of this Act, and as more specifically described in any such  
 6 agreements entered into and documents executed by and between the parties, provided that  
 7 the state receives consideration proportionate to the appraised value of any state property  
 8 exchanged.

9           Section 4. The commissioner of administration and the secretary of the Department  
 10 of Transportation and Development, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
 11 contrary, are hereby authorized and empowered to convey, transfer, assign, lease, or deliver  
 12 any interest, excluding mineral rights, the state may have in and to all or any portion of the  
 13 following described property in St. Tammany Parish to the St. Tammany Parish  
 14 Government:

15           That certain parcel of land owned by Louisiana Department of Transportation &  
 16 Development (LADOTD) Two certain pieces or portions of ground, together with  
 17 all rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, advantages and appertenances thereunto  
 18 belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in Section No. 42, Township 6 South,  
 19 Range 11 East, Greensburg District, St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana, being fractional  
 20 Lot No. 69 and Lot No. 70 of the Town of New Claiborne, which pieces or portions  
 21 of ground are more particularly described as follows:

22           Beginning at the northwest corner of aforesaid Lot No. 69, as shown on plan of  
 23 survey made by C.R. Schutz, Surveyor, dated April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1939, part hereof, which  
 24 corner marks the intersection of the south line of the Covington - Abita Springs  
 25 Highway with the east line of an unnamed street, sometimes referred to as Thirteenth  
 26 Street; run thence southerly along the west line of said Lots Nos. 69 and 70, a  
 27 distance of 488.5 feet to the southwest corner of said Lot No. 70; thence easterly  
 28 along the south line of said Lot No. 70, a distance of 240 feet to the southeast corner  
 29 thereof; thence northerly along the east line of said Lot Nos. 70 and 69, a distance  
 30 of 376.5 feet to the southeast corner of that certain lot or portion of ground conveyed  
 31 by the vendor herein to Josephine Henley by Act of Sale, dated June 7, 1902,  
 32 recorded in Book "Y", Folio 533, of the Conveyance Records of St. Tammany  
 33 Parish; run thence westerly along the south line of the said lot conveyed to Josephine  
 34 Henley, a distance of 121.1 feet to a point in the south line of the Covington - Abita  
 35 Springs Highway; thence westerly along the south line of said Covington - Abita  
 36 Springs Highway, a distance of 180.3 feet to the place of beginning.

37           Being a portion of that same property acquired by the Covington & St. Tammany  
 38 Land & Improvement Company from James McFarland Thomson by Act of Sale  
 39 passed before Andrew Hero, Jr., Notary Public in and for the Parish of Orleans, dated  
 40 December 9th 1887, and recorded in Book "M", Folio 559 of the Conveyance  
 41 Records of St. Tammany Parish.

1           Section 5. The commissioner of administration and the secretary of the Department  
2 of Transportation and Development are hereby authorized to enter into such agreements,  
3 covenants, conditions, and stipulations and to execute such documents as may be necessary  
4 to properly effectuate any conveyance, transfer, assignment, lease or delivery of title,  
5 excluding mineral rights, to the property described in Section 4 of this Act, and as more  
6 specifically described in any such agreements entered into and documents executed by and  
7 between the commissioner of administration, the secretary of the Department of  
8 Transportation and Development, and the St. Tammany Parish Government, in exchange for  
9 consideration proportionate to the appraised value of the property.

10           Section 6. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
11 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
12 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
13 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
14 effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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HB 350 Engrossed

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Authorizes the commissioner of administration and the president of McNeese State University to exchange certain state property in Calcasieu Parish for property owned by the City of Lake Charles.

Further authorizes the commissioner of administration and the secretary of the Dept. of Transportation and Development to transfer certain state property in St. Tammany Parish to the St. Tammany Parish Government for consideration proportionate to the appraised value of the property.

Provides for the reservation of mineral rights.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Add authorization for the commissioner of administration and the secretary of the Dept. of Transportation and Development to transfer property in St. Tammany to the St. Tammany Parish Government.

2. Provide a property description.
3. Make technical changes.