RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 58 (HB 124)

2023 Regular Session

Bourriaque

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

<u>Existing law</u> 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.

<u>Existing law</u> also authorizes school boards to sell other unused immovable property through a public bid process.

<u>New law</u> further authorizes the Cameron Parish School Board to approve the sale of 16th section lands in Cameron Parish using the public bid process under <u>existing law</u> and to exchange 16th section lands for property of equal or greater value.

<u>New law</u> 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.

<u>New law</u> provides that if the board determines, after the hearing, that the 16th section lands are not needed for school purposes and that it is in the best interest of the district, the board may vote to authorize the sale or exchange.

<u>New law</u> provides that the school board president is the authorized signatory for any sale or exchange of 16th section state lands approved by the board.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 41:729)