

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 256

BY REPRESENTATIVE PATRICK WILLIAMS AND SENATOR JOHNS

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

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to add Article VII, Section 25(B)(3) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to tax sales occurring in certain parishes; to provide for the redemption period for certain blighted or abandoned property sold at tax sale; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article VII, Section(B)(3) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§25. Tax Sales

Section 25.

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(B) Redemption.

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(3) In any parish other than Orleans, when such property sold is vacant residential or commercial property which has been declared blighted, as defined by R.S. 33:1374(B)(1) on January 1, 2013, or abandoned, as defined by R.S. 33:4720.59(D)(2) on January 1, 2013, it shall be redeemable for eighteen months after the date of recordation of the tax sale by payment in accordance with Subparagraph (1) of this Paragraph.

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1 Section 2. Be it further resolved that the provisions of the amendment contained in
2 this Joint Resolution shall become effective on January 1, 2015.

3 Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted
4 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,
5 2014.

6 Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,
7 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted
8 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as
9 follows:

10 Do you support an amendment providing for an eighteen-month redemption
11 period in any parish other than Orleans, for vacant property sold at tax sale
12 which is blighted or abandoned? (Effective January 1, 2015) (Adds Article
13 VII, Section 25(B)(3))

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE