Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 539

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS

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

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 41:906 and to repeal R.S. 41:906 effective August 1, 2015, relative to the
3	exchange of school lands; to authorize Avoyelles Parish School Board to exchange
4	certain school lands; to provide procedures for such exchange; to provide for the land
5	description and the reservation of mineral rights; to provide for termination of such
6	authority; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 41:906 is hereby enacted to read as follows:
9	§906. Avoyelles Parish School Board; exchange of school lands; procedures;
10	description
11	A. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if the Avoyelles Parish
12	School Board, on behalf of the state of Louisiana, determines that any school lands,
13	including but not limited to sixteenth section lands, school indemnity lands, or other
14	immovable property located in Avoyelles Parish and as more specifically described
15	in any agreements entered into and documents executed by the Avoyelles Parish
16	School Board, are no longer needed for school purposes and that the best interest of
17	the Avoyelles Parish school system would be served by the exchange of such land
18	for other land of at least comparable value, the school board may exchange such land
19	for other land in Avoyelles Parish in accordance with the procedures set forth in this
20	Section.
21	B. The Avoyelles Parish School Board shall obtain an appraisal of the lands
22	to be exchanged from a certified, licensed appraiser and such appraisal shall be
23	available for public inspection.

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1	C. The fand to be received by the Avoyeties Parish School Board shall be of
2	equal or greater value than the land that the Avoyelles Parish School Board is to
3	relinquish or exchange.
4	D. The Avoyelles Parish School Board shall reserve to the state all of the
5	mineral rights and minerals in accordance with law. The other party in an exchange
6	may reserve its mineral rights and minerals subject to the terms of any agreement
7	entered into with the school board.
8	E. The provisions of this Section shall be applicable but shall not be limited
9	to exchanges of part or all of Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 6 East of
10	Avoyelles Parish, as well as any other Section 16 lands situated within Avoyelles
11	Parish.
12	F. The authority granted by this Section to the Avoyelles Parish School
13	Board shall terminate on August 1, 2015.
14	Section 2. R.S. 41:906 is hereby repealed in its entirety.
15	Section 3.(A) The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective upon
16	signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of
17	the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article
18	III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and
19	subsequently approved by the legislature, Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on the
20	day following such approval.
21	(B) The provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on August 1,
22	2015.
	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
	GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
	APPROVED:

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