

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 144

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIBAUT

PUBLIC LANDS/SCHOOLS: Authorizes the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board to exchange immovable property including sixteenth section lands

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 41:907, relative to the exchange of school lands; to authorize the West Baton  
3 Rouge Parish School Board to exchange certain school lands, including sixteenth  
4 section lands; to provide procedures for such exchange; to provide for the reservation  
5 of mineral rights; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 41:907 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §907. West Baton Rouge Parish School Board; exchange of sixteenth section lands

9 A. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if the West Baton Rouge  
10 Parish School Board, on behalf of the state of Louisiana, determines that any school  
11 lands, including but not limited to sixteenth section lands, school indemnity lands,  
12 or other immovable property located in West Baton Rouge Parish and as more  
13 specifically described in any agreements entered into and documents executed by the  
14 West Baton Rouge Parish School Board, are no longer needed for school purposes  
15 and that the best interest of the West Baton Rouge Parish school system would be  
16 served by the exchange of such land for other land of at least comparable value, the  
17 school board may exchange such land for other land in West Baton Rouge Parish in  
18 accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section.

1           B. The West Baton Rouge Parish School Board shall obtain an appraisal of  
2           the lands to be exchanged from a certified, licensed appraiser, and such appraisal  
3           shall be available for public inspection.

4           C. The land to be received by the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board  
5           shall be of equal or greater value than the land that the West Baton Rouge Parish  
6           School Board is to relinquish or exchange.

7           D. The West Baton Rouge Parish School Board shall reserve to the state all  
8           of the mineral rights and minerals in accordance with law. The other party in an  
9           exchange may reserve its mineral rights and minerals subject to the terms of any  
10          agreement entered into with the school board.

11          E. The provisions of this Section shall be applicable to any Section 16 lands  
12          situated within West Baton Rouge Parish, including but not limited to exchanges of  
13          part or all of Section 16, Township 6 South, Range 11 East of West Baton Rouge  
14          Parish, less and except the Southwest corner of the Section 16 forming a tract  
15          approximately 600 feet fronting on Section Road and approximately 2,000 feet  
16          fronting on Rougon Road, and Section 16, Township 7 South, Range 12 East,  
17          commonly known as the "Leininger Tract".

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the exchange of 16th section and other land by the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board and provides for the reservation of mineral rights by the state.

Proposed law authorizes the West Baton Rouge Parish School Board to exchange any school lands, including 16th section lands, indemnity lands, or other immovable property for other land in West Baton Rouge Parish. Requires the school board to obtain an appraisal of the lands and requires that such appraisal be available for public inspection. Requires that the land to be received by the school board be of equal or greater value than the exchanged land. Provides that the school board shall reserve all mineral rights to the state.

(Adds R.S. 41:907)