

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 728

BY REPRESENTATIVE KATRINA JACKSON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 41:907, relative to the sale or exchange of school lands; to authorize Ouachita  
3 Parish School Board to sell or exchange certain school lands; to provide procedures  
4 for such sale or exchange; to provide for the reservation of mineral rights; and to  
5 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. Ouachita Parish School Board; sale or exchange of school lands; procedures;  
9 description

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

19 B. The Ouachita Parish School Board shall obtain an appraisal of the land  
20 to be sold or exchanged from a certified, licensed appraiser and such appraisal shall  
21 be available for public inspection.

22 C. If land is being exchanged, the land to be received by the Ouachita Parish  
23 School Board shall be of equal or greater value than the land that the Ouachita Parish  
24 School Board is to relinquish or exchange.

1                   D. The Ouachita Parish School Board shall reserve to the state all of the  
2                   mineral rights and minerals in accordance with law.

3                   E. The provisions of this Section shall be applicable but shall not be limited  
4                   to the sale or exchange of part or all of Section 16, Township 17 North, Range 5 East  
5                   of Ouachita Parish, as well as any other sixteenth section land situated within  
6                   Ouachita Parish.

7                   Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature of the governor or, if not  
8                   signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
9                   by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
10                  vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
11                  effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_