

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1001

BY REPRESENTATIVE WESLEY BISHOP

PROPERTY/ABANDONED: Authorizes the city of New Orleans to sell blighted property in the Lower Ninth Ward for a fixed price

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 13-A of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 33:4720.11, relative to the city of New Orleans; to require the city
4 to sell certain property in the Lower Ninth Ward for a specified price under certain
5 circumstances; to provide for the duration of the requirement; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. This Act shall be known as the "Lower Ninth Ward Redevelopment Act".

9 Section 2. Chapter 13-A of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
10 comprised of R.S. 33:4720.11, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 CHAPTER 13-A. SALE OF ~~ABANDONED~~ PROPERTY

12 §4720.11. Sale of property in the Lower Ninth Ward

13 A.(1) Pursuant to Article VII, Section 14(B)(13) of the Constitution of
14 Louisiana, the city of New Orleans shall sell vacant lots that are located in the Lower
15 Ninth Ward and that were acquired through the Louisiana Road Home program and
16 that are either owned by the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority or the authority
17 has been tasked with management and disposition of the property for one hundred
18 dollars per abandoned parcel.

19 (2) Property shall be sold pursuant to this Section only to a purchaser who
20 meets either of the following criteria:

1 (a) He is qualified under the Lot Next Door program or any similar program
2 which authorizes the sale of property to adjacent property owners.

3 (b) He agrees to build a residence on the property and to reside at that
4 residence.

5 (3) The governing authority of the city of New Orleans shall establish rules
6 and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Section.

7 B. Provisions of this Section cease to be effective ten years after the effective
8 date of this Section.

9 Section 3. This Act shall take effect and become operative if and when the Act
10 which originated as House Bill No. 489 of this 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature is
11 enacted and becomes effective.

DIGEST

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HB No. 1001

Abstract: Requires the city of New Orleans to sell certain Road Home program property in the Lower Ninth Ward for \$100 per parcel.

Proposed law requires the city of New Orleans to sell, for \$100 per parcel, vacant lots that are located in the Lower Ninth Ward, were acquired through the La. Road Home program, and are either owned by the New Orleans Redevelopment Authority or the authority has been tasked with management and disposition of the property. Provides that such sales shall only be to a purchaser who is qualified under the Lot Next Door program or any similar program which authorizes the sale of property to adjacent property owners or who agrees to build a residence on the property and to reside at that residence. Requires the governing authority of the city of New Orleans to establish necessary rules and regulations.

Proposed law is only effective upon the passage and enactment of H.B. No. 489 of the 2014 R.S. and ceases to be effective in 10 years.

(Adds R.S. 33:4720.11)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill.

1. Requires rather than authorizes the sale of property.
2. Specifies qualified purchasers of property pursuant to proposed law.

3. Changes property to which proposed law is applicable from abandoned property to former Road Home program property; in conformity therewith, removes definition of "abandoned property".