
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 that authorizes the sale of property to adjacent property owners and who agrees to retain and maintain the property for five years or who agrees to build a residence on the property and to reside at that residence for five years. Prohibits sale to a developer or corporate entity. Requires the governing authority of the city of New Orleans, in consultation with the state representative from district 99 and the state senator from district two, to establish necessary rules and regulations.

Proposed law is only effective upon the passage and enactment of HB. 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".

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Adds specification of the area comprising the Lower Ninth Ward.

2. Adds requirement that property to be sold pursuant to proposed law was acquired prior to Jan. 1. 2015.
3. Adds requirements that purchasers retain or reside at the property for at least five years.
4. Adds prohibition of selling property to a developer or corporation.
5. Adds requirement for consultation with specified legislators in the adoption of program rules.