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## DIGEST

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HB No. 489

**Abstract:** Authorizes donation or sale of certain property in the Lower Ninth Ward of the city of New Orleans.

Present constitution prohibits the loan, pledge of donation of funds, credit, property, or things of value of the state or a political subdivision except as specifically provided in the constitution.

Present constitution authorizes the donation of abandoned or blighted housing property by the governing authority of a municipality or a parish to a nonprofit organization which is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization and which agrees to renovate and maintain such property until conveyance of the property by such organization.

Proposed constitution authorizes the governing authority of the city of New Orleans to donate or sell, at a price set by the legislature, property located in the Lower Ninth Ward of the city of New Orleans to qualified purchasers as provided by law.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held November 4, 2014.

(Amends Const. Art. VII §14(B))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Adds provision authorizing sale of property at a price that the legislature may set.

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to the engrossed bill.

1. Clarified ballot language to provide that the governing authority of the city of New Orleans may sell blighted or abandoned property at a price set by the legislature.

House Floor Amendments to the reengrossed bill.

1. Removes provision restricting property that may be donated or sold pursuant to proposed constitutional amendment to abandoned or blighted property.
2. Changes authorized recipients of property from residents of the Lower Ninth Ward to qualified purchasers.