

**ACT No. 872**

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 489

BY REPRESENTATIVE WESLEY BISHOP

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 14(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to authorize the governing authority of the city of New Orleans to sell at a fixed price certain property; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 14(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§14. Donation, Loan, or Pledge of Public Credit

Section 14.

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(B) Authorized Uses. Nothing in this Section shall prevent (1) the use of public funds for programs of social welfare for the aid and support of the needy; (2) contributions of public funds to pension and insurance programs for the benefit of public employees; (3) the pledge of public funds, credit, property, or things of value for public purposes with respect to the issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness to meet public obligations as provided by law; (4) the return of property, including mineral rights, to a former owner from whom the property had previously been expropriated, or purchased under threat of expropriation, when the legislature by law declares that the public and necessary purpose which originally supported the expropriation has ceased to exist and orders the return of the property to the former owner under such terms and conditions as specified by the legislature; (5) acquisition of stock by any institution of higher education in exchange for any

1 intellectual property; (6) the donation of abandoned or blighted housing property by  
 2 the governing authority of a municipality or a parish to a nonprofit organization  
 3 which is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4)  
 4 nonprofit organization and which agrees to renovate and maintain such property until  
 5 conveyance of the property by such organization; (7) the deduction of any tax,  
 6 interest, penalty, or other charges forming the basis of tax liens on blighted property  
 7 so that they may be subordinated and waived in favor of any purchaser who is not  
 8 a member of the immediate family of the blighted property owner or which is not  
 9 any entity in which the owner has a substantial economic interest, but only in  
 10 connection with a property renovation plan approved by an administrative hearing  
 11 officer appointed by the parish or municipal government where the property is  
 12 located; (8) the deduction of past due taxes, interest, and penalties in favor of an  
 13 owner of a blighted property, but only when the owner sells the property at less than  
 14 the appraised value to facilitate the blighted property renovation plan approved by  
 15 the parish or municipal government and only after the renovation is completed such  
 16 deduction being canceled, null and void, and to no effect in the event ownership of  
 17 the property in the future reverts back to the owner or any member of his immediate  
 18 family; (9) the donation by the state of asphalt which has been removed from state  
 19 roads and highways to the governing authority of the parish or municipality where  
 20 the asphalt was removed, or if not needed by such governing authority, then to any  
 21 other parish or municipal governing authority, but only pursuant to a cooperative  
 22 endeavor agreement between the state and the governing authority receiving the  
 23 donated property; (10) the investment in stocks of a portion of the Rockefeller  
 24 Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund, created under the provisions of R.S.  
 25 56:797, and the Russell Sage or Marsh Island Refuge Fund, created under the  
 26 provisions of R.S. 56:798, such portion not to exceed thirty-five percent of each  
 27 fund; (11) the investment in stocks of a portion of the state-funded permanently  
 28 endowed funds of a public or private college or university, not to exceed thirty-five  
 29 percent of the public funds endowed; ~~or~~ (12) the investment in equities of a portion  
 30 of the Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly created under the provisions of R.S.

