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Present law (R.S. 9:2717.1, et seq.) provides that beginning Aug. 1, 2023, no foreign adversary or person connected with a foreign adversary may purchase, lease, or acquire immovable property in this state. Present law further provides that parties to the contract with a foreign adversary may rescind the contract prior to the transfer of the immovable property if it is determined that the purchaser or lessee is a foreign adversary or a person connected with a foreign adversary and provides for exceptions. Present law also provides that the attorney general may bring an action for injunctive relief in the name of the state against a foreign adversary or person connected to a foreign adversary to enforce the provisions of present law. Present law further provides that a court may order that the property be sold to someone who is not a foreign adversary, or to a person who is not a person connected with a foreign adversary, or sold at judicial sale.

Present law (R.S. 3:3616) provides that, as it relates to farmland, that any prohibited foreign actor that violates present law is subject to a court ordered civil penalty of $50,000 and forfeiture of the agricultural land if any prohibited foreign actor does not divest itself of land acquired in violation of present law within one year after judgment is entered in this action.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the legislature finds and declares it is the policy of this state that ownership of immovable property in proximity to military bases by foreign adversaries, or agents of foreign adversaries, presents a threat to the public health and safety of La. citizens and warrants constitutional protections under proposed law.

Proposed law provides that immovable property that is purchased, leased, possessed, owned, held in interest, or in any manner under the control of a foreign adversary, or agent of a foreign adversary, that is located within 50 miles of a military base may be expropriated by the state Military Dept., regardless of the date acquired if the state can show that the ownership poses a threat to the public health and safety of La. citizens. Defines "military base" as any of the following:

(1) A military facility, reservation, camp, post, base, installation, armory, or training area and any weather station operated by the armed forces of the United States.

(2) A military facility, reservation, camp, post, base, installation, armory, or training area that is operated by the state military.

(3) Any facility operated by the Civil Air Patrol.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 29:43)