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Abstract: Authorizes the Tensas Parish School Board to sell or exchange 16th section and indemnity lands where it is in the best interest of the Tensas Parish school system to do so.

Present law authorizes school boards to sell unused 16th section lands through a township election process.

Present law authorizes the state to sell indemnity lands and provides for sale through a public auction process.

Present law further authorizes and provides a public auction process for the sale of other unused school lands.

Proposed law authorizes the Tensas Parish School Board to sell or exchange 16th section lands, indemnity lands, or other immovable property in Tensas Parish if the school board determines that the lands are no longer needed for school purposes and the disposition of the lands would be in the best interest of the school system.

Proposed law requires an appraisal of the land and making the appraisal available to the public.

Proposed law requires that if land is exchanged, the school board must receive consideration that is equal to or greater than the value of the land the school board is disposing of in the exchange. Consideration received would include the value of land the school board receives in the exchange.

Proposed law provides for the reservation of mineral rights to the state.

(Adds R.S. 41:909)