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HOUSE BILL NO. 515

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PROPERTY/IMMOVABLE: Authorizes a political subdivision to sell certain adjudicated property directly to a buyer

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:2202(D), relative to sales of adjudicated property; to provide
3 for procedures by which political subdivisions may sell adjudicated property; to
4 authorize the direct sale of certain adjudicated property without public bidding; to
5 provide for conditions and requirements; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:2202(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2202. Minimum bid prices; sale of adjudicated property; sale of tax lien held by
9 the political subdivision; sale of immovable property to enforce a tax lien
10 held by a political subdivision; direct sales

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12 D.(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A of this Section, the
13 governing authority of each political subdivision may allow an adjoining landowner
14 to purchase adjudicated property for any price set by the governing authority without
15 public bidding at a public meeting of the governing authority; provided, that the
16 governing authority of an applicable political subdivision determines that the
17 adjoining landowner has maintained the adjudicated property for a period of one year
18 prior to the sale. Such a sale shall be deemed a public sale under the provisions of
19 this Subpart.

1 (2) The governing authority of each political subdivision may elect to sell
 2 adjudicated property with an appraised value of less than fifty thousand dollars
 3 directly to a buyer at a fixed price without public bidding, but only if the political
 4 subdivision offered the property at a public sale for purchase by the highest bidder
 5 in accordance with Subsection A of this Section within the previous twelve months.
 6 The price of each property offered for direct sale shall be established by resolution
 7 or ordinance of the governing authority. Any direct sale authorized by this
 8 Paragraph shall be deemed a public sale in accordance with the provisions of this
 9 Subpart.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Subject to certain conditions authorizes political subdivisions to sell adjudicated property with an appraised value of less than \$50,000 directly to a buyer at a fixed price without public bidding.

Present law authorizes the governing authority of each political subdivision to sell adjudicated property at a public sale to the highest bidder. In connection with these sales, gives governing authorities the option to require appraisals and set minimum bids.

Present law further authorizes a governing authority of a political subdivision to allow an adjoining landowner to purchase adjudicated property at a price set by the governing authority, without public bidding, if the authority determines that the landowner has maintained the property for one year prior to the sale.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law adds an exception to present law which authorizes the governing authority of a political subdivision to sell adjudicated property with an appraised value of less than \$50,000 directly to a buyer at a fixed price without public bidding if the political subdivision offered the property at a public sale for purchase by the highest bidder, in accordance with present law, within the previous 12 months. Requires that the sale price be established by resolution or ordinance of the governing authority.

(Amends R.S. 47:2202(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Ways and Means to the original bill:

1. As a condition for the direct sale of adjudicated property authorized by proposed law, require the political subdivision to have offered the property at a public sale, in accordance with present law, within the previous 12 months.
2. Make a technical correction.