

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 200

2026 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

HOMELAND SECURITY. Allows for expropriation of land near military bases that is owned by foreign adversaries or agents of foreign adversaries when the ownership poses a threat to public health and safety. (gov sig)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Applies proposed law provisions pertaining to an agent to a mandatory.
3. Provides for voluntary transfer of immovable property that is subject to the provisions of proposed law.
4. Defines "mandatory of a foreign adversary".
5. Applies proposed law to certain legal permanent residents of the U.S.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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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.

Proposed law provides that immovable property subject to expropriation pursuant to proposed law may be voluntarily transferred to a natural or juridical person who is not prohibited from owning the immovable property at any time prior to a final judgment of expropriation.

Proposed law provides the Military Dept. state of La. will notify the court that immovable property voluntarily transferred prior to a final judgment of expropriation is no longer subject to expropriation pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law provides that La. Const. Art. I, Sec.4 applies to proposed law.

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

(Adds R.S. 29:43)