

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 439 (HB 677)

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Thompson

Existing law authorizes school boards to sell unused 16th section lands through a township election process, authorizes the state to sell indemnity lands through a public auction process, and authorizes and provides a public auction process for the sale of other unused school lands.

New law provides an exception to existing law by authorizing the Tensas Parish School Board to sell or exchange 16th section lands, indemnity lands, or other unused school lands 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.

New law requires an appraisal of the land and requires that the board make the appraisal available to the public.

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

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

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 41:909)