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Abstract: Provides relative to the sale of certain properties by the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD).

Present law provides that when DOTD determines it has acquired excess property or has property that it no longer needs, the property may be sold to the highest bidder under a specified process. Provides that the secretary of DOTD may offer to sell the property at the appraised value to the vendor who sold the property to the department or to the landowner whose property is separated from a highway by the excess property.

Proposed law requires that such excess property first be offered to the owner of the land separated from a highway by the excess property. Requires that if the landowner separated from the highway by the excess property does not purchase the property, requires that the department next offer it to the vendor from which the property was originally bought. Provides if the original vendor does not purchase the property, the property may be sold to the highest bidder. Provides for a process of advertisement and requires that all bids be publicly presented, opened, and read on the same day.

Proposed law ratifies all amicably acquired transactions completed by DOTD between Aug. 15, 2008 and the effective date of this Act that were not conducted in accordance with present law. Specifies that proposed law ratification does not apply to property expropriated.

(Amends R.S. 48:221(A)(2), (3), (4)(intro. para.), and (5)(a))