

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 172

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PUBLIC PROPERTY. Authorizes certain state government entities to sell certain state-owned immovable property. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 56:1687(12), relative to state parks; to authorize the secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to sell certain state park lands; to provide for the use of the proceeds of such sale; to provide terms and conditions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 56:1687(12) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1687. Secretary, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; powers

The secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism may:

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**(12)(a) Sell certain state park lands as described below, in exchange for consideration proportionate to the appraised value of the property, and use the proceeds of that sale to acquire property to expand existing park areas in Union Parish, to add new facilities on existing park areas in Union Parish, or for general repairs and improvements to existing facilities on existing park areas within Union Parish.**

**(b) That certain parcel of land comprising 90 acres, more or less,**

1            **excluding mineral rights, situated within the city of Farmerville and along the**  
 2            **shoreline of Lake D'Arbonne in Sections 25 and 36, Township 21 North, Range**  
 3            **1 West, Union Parish, Louisiana.**

4            Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 5            signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 6            by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 7            vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 8            effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument was prepared by Heyward Jeffers. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Michelle Broussard-Johnson.

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#### DIGEST

Walsworth (SB 172)

Present law allows the secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to enter into agreements with the federal government or any other agency, or both, for acquiring by lease, purchase, or otherwise, such lands that are desirable for office of state parks holdings.

Present law authorizes the secretary to exchange lands when it is necessary to do so in order to obtain other lands of value by the office of state parks.

Present law requires the secretary to obtain permission of the legislature before exchanging an established state park for other lands of value.

Proposed law allows the secretary to sell certain state park lands and use the proceeds to acquire property to expand existing park areas in Union Parish, to add new facilities on existing park areas in Union Parish, or for general repairs and improvements to existing facilities on existing park areas within Union Parish.

Proposed law describes the state park lands for sale as a certain parcel of land comprising 90 acres, more or less, excluding mineral rights, situated within the city of Farmerville and along the shoreline of Lake D'Arbonne in Sections 25 and 36, Township 21 North, Range 1 West, in Union Parish Louisiana.

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

(Adds R.S. 56:1687(12))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Natural Resources to the original bill.

1. Adds provisions for the use, terms and conditions of the land sale.
2. Describes the parcel of land to be sold by the department.