

Regular Session, 2013
HOUSE BILL NO. 539
BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRIS

ACT No. 202

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

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 41:906 and to repeal R.S. 41:906 effective August 1, 2015, relative to the
3 exchange of school lands; to authorize Avoyelles Parish School Board to exchange
4 certain school lands; to provide procedures for such exchange; to provide for the land
5 description and the reservation of mineral rights; to provide for termination of such
6 authority; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 41:906 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §906. Avoyelles Parish School Board; exchange of school lands; procedures;
10 description

11 A. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, if the Avoyelles Parish
12 School Board, on behalf of the state of Louisiana, determines that any school lands,
13 including but not limited to sixteenth section lands, school indemnity lands, or other
14 immovable property located in Avoyelles Parish and as more specifically described
15 in any agreements entered into and documents executed by the Avoyelles Parish
16 School Board, are no longer needed for school purposes and that the best interest of
17 the Avoyelles Parish school system would be served by the exchange of such land
18 for other land of at least comparable value, the school board may exchange such land
19 for other land in Avoyelles Parish in accordance with the procedures set forth in this
20 Section.

21 B. The Avoyelles Parish School Board shall obtain an appraisal of the lands
22 to be exchanged from a certified, licensed appraiser and such appraisal shall be
23 available for public inspection.

1 C. The land to be received by the Avoyelles Parish School Board shall be of
2 equal or greater value than the land that the Avoyelles Parish School Board is to
3 relinquish or exchange.

4 D. The Avoyelles Parish School Board shall reserve to the state all of the
5 mineral rights and minerals in accordance with law. The other party in an exchange
6 may reserve its mineral rights and minerals subject to the terms of any agreement
7 entered into with the school board.

8 E. The provisions of this Section shall be applicable but shall not be limited
9 to exchanges of part or all of Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 6 East of
10 Avoyelles Parish, as well as any other Section 16 lands situated within Avoyelles
11 Parish.

12 F. The authority granted by this Section to the Avoyelles Parish School
13 Board shall terminate on August 1, 2015.

14 Section 2. R.S. 41:906 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

15 Section 3.(A) The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective upon
16 signature of this Act by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of
17 the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article
18 III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If this Act is vetoed by the governor and
19 subsequently approved by the legislature, Section 1 of this Act shall become effective on the
20 day following such approval.

21 (B) The provisions of Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on August 1,
22 2015.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____