

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.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_