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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 109

BY SENATOR MURRAY

A RESOLUTION

To request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the laws regarding sheriff's tax sales in Orleans Parish and make recommendations relative to the feasibility of establishing a more expeditious process.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 25 of the Louisiana Constitution provides for the sale of property due to delinquent taxes, the redemption and annulment thereof, and the quieting of tax titles; and

WHEREAS, various laws implement the authority so provided by the constitution; and

WHEREAS, the sheriff's tax sales in Orleans Parish are unique and result in the potential for real property so obtained to be withdrawn from commerce for approximately five years; and

WHEREAS, great benefit would inure to the citizens of Orleans Parish by facilitating the confirmation of sheriff's tax sales more expeditiously than the present period of withdrawal from commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Law Institute was formed to promote and encourage the clarification and simplification of the laws of Louisiana and its better adaptation to present social needs; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Law Institute should study needed improvements in present law relative to sheriff's tax sales in the parish of Orleans and advise the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana regarding whether the process can and should be handled more expeditiously; and

WHEREAS, such study shall include review and discussion of present law and procedures in Orleans Parish and other parishes around the state relative to sheriff's tax sales.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request that the Louisiana State Law Institute study the laws regarding sheriff's tax sales in Orleans Parish and make recommendations for revising present law in the form of proposed legislation to effect such recommendations to the Senate before January 1, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the director of the Louisiana State Law Institute.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE