

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 256

BY REPRESENTATIVE PATRICK WILLIAMS

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

TAX/PROPERTY: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides for the redemption period for blighted, abandoned, uninhabitable, or hazardous property sold at tax sale

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 25(B)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to tax sales; to provide for the redemption period for certain blighted property sold at tax sale; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 25(B)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§25. Tax Sales

Section 25.

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(B) Redemption.

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(2) ~~In the city of New Orleans, when~~ When such property sold is residential or commercial property which is ~~abandoned property as defined by R.S. 33:4720.12(1) or blighted property as defined by Act 155 of the 1984 Regular Session~~ has been declared blighted, abandoned, uninhabitable, or hazardous pursuant

1 to applicable law, it shall be redeemable for ~~eighteen~~ twelve months after the date  
2 of recordation of the tax sale by payment in accordance with Subparagraph (1) of this  
3 Paragraph.

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5 Section 2. Be it further resolved that the provisions of the amendment contained in  
6 this Joint Resolution shall become effective on January 1, 2015.

7 Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted  
8 to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4,  
9 2014.

10 Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election,  
11 there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted  
12 to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as  
13 follows:

14 Do you support an amendment providing for a twelve-month redemption  
15 period for property sold at tax sale which is blighted, abandoned,  
16 uninhabitable, or hazardous? (Effective January 1, 2015) (Amends Article  
17 VII, Section 25(B)(2))

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides a 12-month redemption period for property sold at tax sale which is blighted, abandoned, uninhabitable, or hazardous.

Present constitution provides that property sold at a tax sale is redeemable for three years after the sale by paying the price given, plus costs, a 5% penalty, and interest at 1% per month until redemption.

Present constitution provides that in the city of New Orleans, abandoned or blighted property shall be redeemable for 18 months after the date of recordation of the tax sale.

Proposed constitutional amendment deletes present constitution specific to the city of New Orleans, and instead provides that statewide, property which is blighted, abandoned, uninhabitable, or hazardous shall be redeemable for 12 months after recordation of the tax sale by payment as provided in present constitution.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held Nov. 4, 2014.

Effective Jan. 1, 2015.

(Amends Const. Art. VII, §25(B)(2))