

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 298

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAHEN

PROPERTY/PUBLIC: Provides for the transfer of certain state property in Webster Parish

1 AN ACT

2 To authorize and provide for the transfer of certain state property; to authorize the transfer
3 of certain state property in Webster Parish; to provide property descriptions; to
4 provide for reservation of mineral rights; to provide terms and conditions; to provide
5 for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. The commissioner of administration, notwithstanding any other provision
8 of law to the contrary, is hereby authorized and empowered to convey, transfer, assign, lease,
9 or deliver any interest, excluding mineral rights, the state may have to any portion of the
10 following described property in Webster Parish to those persons holding record title to that
11 portion of the property:

12 Those areas of dried lake bed existing above the current ordinary high water
13 mark and below the 148.6 foot contour line according to NGVD29 elevation
14 datum and lying within Sections 13 and 24 of Township 17 North - Range 10
15 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana, estimated to contain, in the aggregate,
16 approximately 110 acres.

17 Section 2. The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized to enter into
18 such agreements, covenants, conditions, and stipulations and to execute such documents as
19 necessary to properly effectuate any conveyance, transfer, assignment, lease, or delivery of
20 title, excluding mineral rights, to portions of the property described in Section 1 of this Act,
21 and as more specifically described in any such agreements entered into and documents
22 executed by and between the commissioner of administration and the record title holder to
23 such property, in exchange for consideration proportionate to the appraised value of the
24 property.

1 Section 3. The commissioner of administration, notwithstanding any other provision
2 of law to the contrary, is hereby authorized and empowered to convey, transfer, assign, lease,
3 or deliver any interest, excluding mineral rights, the state may have to all or any portion of
4 the following described property in Webster Parish to Dale Farrar Furniss:

5 A 0.77 acre, more or less, tract of land located in Government Lot No. 4,
6 Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana.

7 Section 4. The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized to enter into
8 such agreements, covenants, conditions, and stipulations and to execute such documents as
9 necessary to properly effectuate any conveyance, transfer, assignment, lease, or delivery of
10 title, excluding mineral rights, to portions of the property described in Section 3 of this Act,
11 and as more specifically described in any such agreements entered into and documents
12 executed by and between the commissioner of administration and Dale Farrar Furniss, in
13 exchange for consideration proportionate to the appraised value of the property.

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

DIGEST

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HB 298 Engrossed

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Authorizes the commissioner of administration to transfer certain state property in Webster Parish to individuals that hold record title to the property and authorizes the commissioner of administration to transfer certain state property in Webster Parish to Dale Farrar Furniss. Provides for the reservation of mineral rights to the state.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment to the original bill:

1. Add an additional authorization for the commissioner of administration to transfer a certain tract of land in Webster Parish to Dale Farrar Furniss.
2. Add a property description.

3. Provide for the reservation of mineral rights to the state.
4. Make a technical change.