

2025 Regular Session

LSLI Disposition Sheet for Title 19

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✓ Heading, Pt.III-F	Amend	484	1	
✓ 19:135 <sup>(1)</sup> <del>(2)</del>	Amend	484	1	
✓ 19:135.1(A)	Amend	484	1	
✓ 19:135.2(1)	Amend	484	1	
✓ 19:135.2(3)	Amend	484	1	
✓ 19:135.4	Amend	484	1	
✓ 19:135.7(1)	Amend	484	1	
✓ Heading, Pt.III-G	Amend	456	2 ✓	
✓ 19:136	Amend	456	2 ✓	
✓ 19:136.1(3)	Amend	456	2 ✓	
✓ 19:136.2(D)	Enact	456	2 ✓	

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# ACT 484

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HOUSE BILL NO. 98

BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG

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## AN ACT

To amend and reenact the heading of Part III-F of Title 19 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 19:135(2), 135.1(A), 135.2(1) and (3), 135.4, and 135.7(1), relative to expropriation by Lincoln Parish; to authorize Lincoln Parish to expropriate by a declaration of taking; to define terms; to provide for purposes of the expropriation; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published as provided by Article III, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. The heading of Part III-F of Title 19 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and R.S. 19:135(2), 135.1(A), 135.2(1) and (3), 135.4, and 135.7(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

### PART III-F. EXPROPRIATION OF PROPERTY BY A DECLARATION OF TAKING BY LINCOLN PARISH AND THE CITY OF RUSTON

§135. Property, governing authority defined

ALPHABETIZE As used in this Part, the term:

(1) → (2)

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(2) "Governing authority" means the governing authority of the parish of

Lincoln or the city of Ruston.

1 §135.1. Authority to expropriate; acquisition of property for certain purposes

2 A. When the parish of Lincoln or the city of Ruston cannot amicably acquire  
3 property needed by the parish or city for a street, road, drainage, water, utility,  
4 sewerage, electric, or other capital project, it may acquire the same by expropriation  
5 and may acquire the property prior to judgment in the trial court fixing the amount  
6 of compensation due to the owner of the property.

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8 §135.2. Contents of petition for expropriation; place of filing

9 The right of expropriation granted by this Part shall be exercised in the  
10 following manner:

11 (1) A petition shall be filed by the plaintiff parish of Lincoln or city of  
12 Ruston in the district court Third Judicial District Court of the parish in which the  
13 property to be expropriated is situated.

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15 (3) The petition shall have annexed to it the following:

16 (a) A certified copy of a resolution adopted by the governing authority of the  
17 parish of Lincoln or the city of Ruston authorizing the taking and declaring that it is  
18 necessary or useful for the purposes of this Part.

19 (b) If the taking includes a right-of-way, a certificate signed by the parish or  
20 city engineer or consulting engineer declaring that he has fixed the right-of-way in  
21 a manner sufficient in his judgment to provide for the public interest, safety, and  
22 convenience.

23 (c) A certificate signed by the director of public works and the parish or city  
24 engineer or consulting engineer declaring that the location and design of the  
25 proposed improvements are in accordance with the best modern practices adopted  
26 in the interest of the safety and convenience of the public.

27 ~~(d) An itemized statement of the amount of money...~~  
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§135.4. Vesting of title

Title to the property and the property rights specified in the petition shall vest in the parish of Lincoln or the city of Ruston upon final court order declaring that the property described in the petition has been taken for the project, and the right to just and adequate compensation therefor shall vest in the persons entitled thereto. Upon vesting of title, the parish of Lincoln or the city of Ruston may enter upon and take possession of the property.

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§135.7. Defendant's answer; requirements; delay for filing

When property is expropriated pursuant to this Part, any defendant may apply for a trial to determine the measure of compensation to which he is entitled, if:

- (1) He files an answer within one year from the date he is notified in writing by the parish of Lincoln or the city of Ruston that it has finally accepted the construction project for which the property was expropriated. However, he may file his answer prior to the date he is notified by the governing authority.

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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

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SENATE BILL NO. 236

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

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AN ACT

*the heading of Part III - Gard*

To amend and reenact R.S. 19:136 and 136.1(3) and R.S. 33:4761 and to enact R.S. 13:2575(B)(3)(g) and R.S. 19:136.2(D), relative to removal of dangerous buildings or structures in parishes and municipalities; to provide relative to blighted property in the city of Baton Rouge and in the parish of East Baton Rouge; to provide relative to blighted properties in municipalities within the parish; to provide relative to the authority to condemn, demolish, remove, or expropriate dilapidated and dangerous buildings or structures; to provide relative to administrative adjudication procedures; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:2575(B)(3)(g) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§2575. Blighted or abandoned property; public health, housing, fire code, building code and certain other ordinance violations; administrative adjudication; procedure; appeal; penalties

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B.

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(3) Each municipality or parish shall have the authority to empower the hearing officer with authority to:

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(g) Condemn property determined to be blighted or abandoned and authorize the parish or municipality to demolish the blighted or abandoned property.

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Section 2. *The heading of Part III-G and* R.S. 19:136 and 136.1(3) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 19:136.2(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

PART III-G. EXPROPRIATION OF ABANDONED OR BLIGHTED PROPERTY  
BY A DECLARATION OF TAKING BY THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, ~~AND~~  
THE CITY OF GRAMBLING, AND THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
AND ITS MUNICIPALITIES

§136. Purpose

In an effort to control the rising number of abandoned or blighted properties throughout the state and to slow urban blight, the legislature finds it necessary to implement a mechanism by which the city of New Orleans, ~~and the city of Grambling, and the parish of East Baton Rouge and its municipalities~~ are empowered to more readily obtain abandoned or blighted properties. The provisions of this Part are intended to provide a means by which governing authorities may revitalize economically depressed areas by placing abandoned or blighted properties back into the economic stream of commerce through the rehabilitation of the abandoned or blighted property. The procedure created by this Part shall be in addition to any other procedure authorized by law.

§136.1. Definitions

For the purposes of this Part, unless the context clearly otherwise requires or unless otherwise defined in specific portions of this Part, the following words or phrases shall have the respective meanings:

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(3) "Governing authority" means the city of New Orleans or any assignee thereof which is authorized by the municipality to carry out the purpose of this Part, or the city of Grambling, or the parish of East Baton Rouge or its municipalities.

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§136.2. Authority to expropriate; acquisition of abandoned or blighted property  
prior to judgment

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D. In the Parish of East Baton Rouge, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, expropriation proceedings shall be initiated by the member of the governing authority representing the district in which the subject property is located.


Section 3. R.S. 33:4761 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

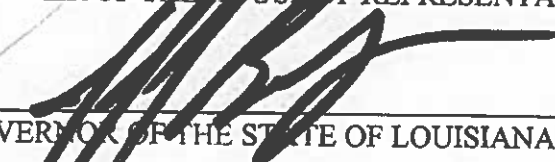
§4761. Condemnation of buildings by all parishes and municipalities

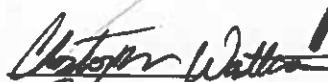
A. The governing authority of any parish or municipality may condemn and cause to be demolished or removed any building or structure within the parish or municipality when it is in a dilapidated and dangerous condition which endangers the public welfare.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in the city of Baton Rouge and parish of East Baton Rouge, the hearing officer appointed pursuant to R.S. 13:2575 and 2576 shall determine condemnations.

  
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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

  
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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED:   
June 20, 2025