

Bill No. SB 430

Amendment No. 1

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The Committee on Fiscal Policy recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. (1) The National Forest Trust Fund, FLAIR number 44-2-307, which was created within the Department of Banking and Finance is terminated.

(2) All current balances remaining in, and all revenues of, the trust fund shall be transferred to the Federal Use of State Lands Trust Fund.

(3) The Department of Banking and Finance shall pay any outstanding debts and obligations of the terminated fund as soon as practicable, and the Comptroller shall close out and remove the terminated fund from the various state accounting systems using generally accepted accounting principles concerning warrants outstanding, assets, and liabilities.

Section 2. Section 215.551, Florida Statutes, is

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1 amended to read:

2           215.551 Federal Use of State Lands ~~National Forest~~  
3 Trust Fund; county distribution.--

4           (1) The Comptroller may make distribution of the  
5 Federal Use of State Lands ~~National Forest~~ Trust Fund, when so  
6 requested by the counties in interest, of such amounts as may  
7 be accumulated in that fund.

8           (2) The Comptroller shall ascertain, from the records  
9 of the General Land Office or other departments in Washington,  
10 D.C., the number of acres of land situated in the several  
11 counties in which the Apalachicola, Choctawhatchee, Ocala, and  
12 Osceola Forest Reserves are located, the number of acres of  
13 land of such forest reserve embraced in each of the counties  
14 in each of the reserves, and, also, the amount of money  
15 received by the United States Government from each of the  
16 reserves, respectively. The Comptroller shall apportion the  
17 money on hand to each county in each reserve, respectively and  
18 separately; such distribution shall be based upon the number  
19 of acres of land embraced in the Apalachicola Forest,  
20 Choctawhatchee Forest, Ocala Forest, and Osceola Forest,  
21 respectively, in each county and shall be further based upon  
22 the amount collected by the United States from each of such  
23 forests, so that such distribution, when made, will include  
24 for each county the amount due each county, based upon the  
25 receipts for the particular forest and the acreage in the  
26 particular county in which such forest is located. The  
27 Comptroller shall issue two warrants on the Treasurer in each  
28 case, the sum of which shall be the amount due each of such  
29 counties from the fund. One warrant shall be payable to the  
30 county for the county general road fund, and one warrant, of  
31 equal amount, shall be payable to such county's district

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1 school board for the district school fund.

2 (3) In the event that actual figures of receipts from  
3 different reserves cannot be obtained by counties, so as to  
4 fully comply with subsections (1) and (2), the Comptroller may  
5 adjust the matter according to the United States statutes, or  
6 as may appear to him or her to be just and fair, and with the  
7 approval of all counties in interest.

8 (4) The moneys that may be received and credited to  
9 the Federal Use of State Lands ~~National Forest~~ Trust Fund are  
10 appropriated for the payment of the warrants of the  
11 Comptroller drawn on the Treasurer in pursuance of this  
12 section.

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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17 And the title is amended as follows:

18 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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20 and insert:

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A bill to be entitled

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An act relating to the termination of the  
23 National Forest Trust Fund; terminating the  
24 National Forest Trust Fund; providing for  
25 disposition of balances in and revenues of the  
26 trust fund; prescribing procedures for the  
27 termination of such trust fund; amending s.  
28 215.551, F.S., to conform; providing an  
29 effective date.

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