

By Senator McKay

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Sebring Airport
3 Authority, Highlands County; amending s. 8, ch.
4 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended;
5 increasing the threshold for requiring bids for
6 the purchase of property and services; amending
7 s. 3, ch. 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended;
8 including additional property under the
9 jurisdiction of the authority; amending s. 6,
10 ch. 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended;
11 providing additional powers and duties of the
12 authority; requiring the authority to maintain
13 confidentiality of records made confidential
14 pursuant to general law; providing an effective
15 date.

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17 WHEREAS, the Sebring Airport Authority owns and
18 operates an airport and industrial park in Highlands County,
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20 WHEREAS, the threshold for requiring bids for the
21 purchase of property and services by the authority is
22 presently \$5,000, which is unreasonably restrictive, and

23 WHEREAS, the authority has recently acquired additional
24 land, which should be included within the area over which it
25 exercises its power and jurisdiction, and

26 WHEREAS, the authority could better attract potential
27 tenants for its industrial park if it could maintain certain
28 of their records confidential, as allowed by general law, NOW,
29 THEREFORE,

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31 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

1 Section 1. Section 8 of chapter 67-2070, Laws of
2 Florida, as amended by section 3 of chapter 89-484, Laws of
3 Florida, is amended to read:

4 Section 8. No contract for the construction, repair,
5 or alteration ~~or otherwise~~ of any facility or part of the
6 same, or the purchase of equipment, services, or supplies
7 involving an expenditure of more than \$10,000 ~~five thousand~~
8 ~~dollars (\$5,000.00)~~, shall be awarded ~~let~~ by the Authority
9 unless the Authority advertises for sealed bids at least once
10 a week for 2 ~~two (2)~~ consecutive weeks and such contract is
11 awarded ~~let~~ to the lowest responsible bidder. However,
12 ~~provided the Authority may hereunder created shall have the~~
13 ~~authority to~~ reject all bids.

14 Section 2. Subsection (a) of section 3 of chapter
15 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended by section 1 of chapter
16 95-526, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

17 Section 3. (a) The Sebring Airport Authority shall
18 exercise its powers and jurisdiction over the property now
19 known as "Sebring Air Terminal" and/or "Sebring Industrial Air
20 Park," as follows:

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22 The West Half (W1/2) of Section 4; All of
23 Section 5, less and except that portion of the
24 North Half (N1/2) lying West of the canal and
25 the Railroad right-of-way spur; the Southeast
26 Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter
27 (SE1/4) of Section 6; All of Section 7, less
28 and except that portion of the West Half (W1/2)
29 lying northerly of State Road No. 623 and West
30 of the canal; All of Section 8; the West Half
31 (W1/2) of Section 9; and that part of Section

1 18 lying North and West of the airport access
2 road, less and except the following land deeded
3 to the Humane Society generally described as
4 being a 10-acre tract lying adjacent to the
5 westerly boundary of the Hendricks Field access
6 road and adjacent to and South of the north
7 boundary of Section 18, Township 35 South,
8 Range 30 East, more particularly described as
9 follows: Commencing as a point of beginning at
10 the intersection of the westerly boundary of
11 Hendricks Field access road (said road being
12 100 feet in width, being 50 feet on either side
13 of said center line) with the North boundary of
14 Section 18, Township 35 South, Range 30 East,
15 Highlands County, Florida, thence South
16 89°01'45" West along the North boundary of
17 Section 18 a distance of 505.70 feet to a
18 point, thence South 01°54'30" East a distance
19 of 908.84 feet to a point, thence North
20 88°05'30" East a distance of 500.00 feet to a
21 point on the westerly boundary of Hendricks
22 Field access road, thence North 01°54'30" West
23 along the westerly boundary of the Hendricks
24 Field access road a distance of 718.68 feet to
25 a point of curve, thence along a curve to the
26 right having a radius of 2,914.79 feet an arc
27 distance of 181.32 feet to the point of
28 beginning.
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1 All of the above described land lying in
2 Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands
3 County, Florida.
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5 All of that property now owned by the city of Sebring
6 and known as Sebring Air Terminal shall be gratuitously
7 transferred and conveyed to the Sebring Airport Authority,
8 subject to any reservations or restrictions of record or
9 existing leases, and subject to the restriction that none of
10 said property may be sold at any time without the consent of
11 the City of Sebring.

12 The Sebring Airport Authority shall also exercise its
13 powers and jurisdiction over the following property:
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15 All of Parcel C, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE IV,
16 according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat
17 Book 9, page 75 of the Public Records of
18 Highlands County.

19 Section 3. Subsection (o) is added to section 6 of
20 chapter 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended by section 2 of
21 chapter 89-484, Laws of Florida, and section 2 of chapter
22 95-526, Laws of Florida, to read:

23 Section 6. The Sebring Airport Authority is hereby
24 authorized and empowered:

25 (o) To promote the general business interest and
26 industrial interest of the City of Sebring and Highlands
27 County and operate under the terms of section 288.075, Florida
28 Statutes, and to maintain the confidentiality and exemption
29 from disclosure of records made confidential and exempt from
30 disclosure by that statute.
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1 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
2 law.
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