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See HB 975

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. 4,
10 ch. 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended;
11 providing that an affirmative vote of a
12 majority of the members present at a meeting
13 where there is a quorum shall be necessary for
14 any action by the board; 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, four members of the seven-member board
27 constitute a quorum for meetings but the affirmative vote of a
28 majority of the entire board is required for any action to be
29 taken, which means that a unanimous vote is required for any
30 action by the board at a meeting where the minimum quorum is
31 present, which is unnecessarily restrictive, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

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

16 Section 2. Subsection (a) of section 3 of chapter
17 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended by section 1 of chapter
18 95-526, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

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

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

1 of the canal; All of Section 8; the West Half
2 (W1/2) of Section 9; and that part of Section
3 18 lying North and West of the airport access
4 road, less and except the following land deeded
5 to the Humane Society generally described as
6 being a 10-acre tract lying adjacent to the
7 westerly boundary of the Hendricks Field access
8 road and adjacent to and South of the north
9 boundary of Section 18, Township 35 South,
10 Range 30 East, more particularly described as
11 follows: Commencing as a point of beginning at
12 the intersection of the westerly boundary of
13 Hendricks Field access road (said road being
14 100 feet in width, being 50 feet on either side
15 of said center line) with the North boundary of
16 Section 18, Township 35 South, Range 30 East,
17 Highlands County, Florida, thence South
18 89°01'45" West along the North boundary of
19 Section 18 a distance of 505.70 feet to a
20 point, thence South 01°54'30" East a distance
21 of 908.84 feet to a point, thence North
22 88°05'30" East a distance of 500.00 feet to a
23 point on the westerly boundary of Hendricks
24 Field access road, thence North 01°54'30" West
25 along the westerly boundary of the Hendricks
26 Field access road a distance of 718.68 feet to
27 a point of curve, thence along a curve to the
28 right having a radius of 2,914.79 feet an arc
29 distance of 181.32 feet to the point of
30 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.
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13 The Sebring Airport Authority shall also exercise its
14 powers and jurisdiction over the following property, subject
15 to the power and authority of the Spring Lake Improvement
16 District, Spring Lake Property Association, Inc., county
17 zoning, and other restrictions:
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19 All of Parcel C, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE IV,
20 according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat
21 Book 9, Page 75 of the Public Records of
22 Highlands County.

23 Section 3. Section 4 of chapter 67-2070, Laws of
24 Florida, as amended by section 1 of chapter 82-382 and section
25 1 of chapter 89-484, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

26 Section 4. The Sebring Airport Authority shall be
27 governed by a board of seven (7) members, known as Sebring
28 Airport Authority Board. The initial members of the said board
29 shall be appointed by the City Council of the City of Sebring
30 for staggered terms as follows: Two (2) members to be
31 appointed for a term to expire on the first Tuesday after the

1 first Monday in January, 1968; two (2) members to be appointed
2 for a term to expire on the first Tuesday after the first
3 Monday in January, 1969; two (2) members to be appointed for a
4 term to expire on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
5 January, 1970; and the other member to be appointed for a term
6 to expire on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
7 January, 1971. At the expiration of each term a successor
8 shall be appointed to fill such vacancies for a term of four
9 (4) years. Vacancies in office shall be filled by appointment
10 of said City Council for the remainder of the unexpired term.
11 All such appointments after the initial ones provided for in
12 this Act shall be selected by the City Council from a list
13 containing at least twice as many nominees as vacancies. At
14 least four (4) members of the board shall be qualified
15 electors of the City of Sebring. Should the said City Council
16 be unable by a majority vote to select a successor from the
17 original list submitted to them by said board, the said board
18 shall submit to said City Council an additional list
19 containing at least twice as many nominees as vacancies. Upon
20 the reconsideration, the City Council may select from the
21 initial or replacement list. The original list shall be
22 submitted to said City Council within ten (10) days from the
23 expiration of the term of any member of said Authority, and
24 within twenty (20) days from the resignation, death or removal
25 for cause of any member of said Authority. During any vacancy
26 or vacancies for any reason or reasons, the remaining members
27 of said board shall constitute said board with full power and
28 authority to act as though there was no vacancy in the
29 membership of said board. Members shall receive such
30 compensation for their services and reimbursement for verified
31 travel and other expenses as shall be provided for by

1 resolution of said board. Four (4) members shall constitute a
2 quorum for meetings and an affirmative vote of a majority of
3 the members present shall be necessary for any action taken by
4 the Authority. There is hereby created an interim term
5 commencing at the expiration of the term of each board member
6 serving on July 1, 1989, and ending on the thirtieth day of
7 April of the respective calendar year. Said interim term shall
8 be filled by appointment by the City Council as herein
9 provided. Successive four (4) year terms shall begin on the
10 first day of May of the respective year.

11 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
12 law.

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