

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, 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, and

29 WHEREAS, four members of the seven-member board
30 constitutes a quorum for meetings but the affirmative vote of
31 a majority of the entire board is required for any action to

1 be taken, which means that a unanimous vote is required for
2 any action by the board at a meeting where the minimum quorum
3 is present, which is unnecessarily restrictive, NOW THEREFORE,
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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7 Section 1. Section 8 of chapter 67-2070, Laws of
8 Florida, as amended by section 3 of chapter 89-484, Laws of
9 Florida, is amended to read:

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

20 Section 2. Subsection (a) of section 3 of chapter
21 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended by section 1 of chapter
22 95-526, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

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

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28 The West Half (W1/2) of Section 4; All of
29 Section 5, less and except that portion of the
30 North Half (N1/2) lying West of the canal and
31 the Railroad right-of-way spur; the Southeast

1 Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter
 2 (SE1/4) of Section 6; All of Section 7, less
 3 and except that portion of the West Half (W1/2)
 4 lying northerly of State Road No. 623 and West
 5 of the canal; All of Section 8; the West Half
 6 (W1/2) of Section 9; and that part of Section
 7 18 lying North and West of the airport access
 8 road, less and except the following land deeded
 9 to the Humane Society generally described as
 10 being a 10-acre tract lying adjacent to the
 11 westerly boundary of the Hendricks Field access
 12 road and adjacent to and South of the north
 13 boundary of Section 18, Township 35 South,
 14 Range 30 East, more particularly described as
 15 follows: Commencing as a point of beginning at
 16 the intersection of the westerly boundary of
 17 Hendricks Field access road (said road being
 18 100 feet in width, being 50 feet on either side
 19 of said center line) with the North boundary of
 20 Section 18, Township 35 South, Range 30 East,
 21 Highlands County, Florida, thence South
 22 89°01'45" West along the North boundary of
 23 Section 18 a distance of 505.70 feet to a
 24 point, thence South 01°54'30" East a distance
 25 of 908.84 feet to a point, thence North
 26 88°05'30" East a distance of 500.00 feet to a
 27 point on the westerly boundary of Hendricks
 28 Field access road, thence North 01°54'30" West
 29 along the westerly boundary of the Hendricks
 30 Field access road a distance of 718.68 feet to
 31 a point of curve, thence along a curve to the

1 right having a radius of 2,914.79 feet an arc
2 distance of 181.32 feet to the point of
3 beginning.

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5 All of the above described land lying in
6 Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands
7 County, Florida.

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9 All of that property now owned by the City of Sebring
10 and known as Sebring Air Terminal shall be gratuitously
11 transferred and conveyed to the Sebring Airport Authority,
12 subject to any reservations or restrictions of record or
13 existing leases, and subject to the restriction that none of
14 said property may be sold at any time without the consent of
15 the City of Sebring.

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17 The Sebring Airport Authority shall also exercise its
18 powers and jurisdiction over the following property, subject
19 to the power and authority of the Spring Lake Improvement
20 District, Spring Lake Property Association, Inc., county
21 zoning, and other restrictions:

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23 All of Parcel C, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE IV,
24 according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat
25 Book 9, Page 75 of the Public Records of
26 Highlands County.

27 Section 3. Section 4 of chapter 67-2070, Laws of
28 Florida, as amended by section 1 of chapter 82-382 and section
29 1 of chapter 89-484, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

30 Section 4. The Sebring Airport Authority shall be
31 governed by a board of seven (7) members, known as Sebring

1 Airport Authority Board. The initial members of the said board
 2 shall be appointed by the City Council of the City of Sebring
 3 for staggered terms as follows: Two (2) members to be
 4 appointed for a term to expire on the first Tuesday after the
 5 first Monday in January, 1968; two (2) members to be appointed
 6 for a term to expire on the first Tuesday after the first
 7 Monday in January, 1969; two (2) members to be appointed for a
 8 term to expire on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
 9 January, 1970; and the other member to be appointed for a term
 10 to expire on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
 11 January, 1971. At the expiration of each term a successor
 12 shall be appointed to fill such vacancies for a term of four
 13 (4) years. Vacancies in office shall be filled by appointment
 14 of said City Council for the remainder of the unexpired term.
 15 All such appointments after the initial ones provided for in
 16 this Act shall be selected by the City Council from a list
 17 containing at least twice as many nominees as vacancies. At
 18 least four (4) members of the board shall be qualified
 19 electors of the City of Sebring. Should the said City Council
 20 be unable by a majority vote to select a successor from the
 21 original list submitted to them by said board, the said board
 22 shall submit to said City Council an additional list
 23 containing at least twice as many nominees as vacancies. Upon
 24 the reconsideration, the City Council may select from the
 25 initial or replacement list. The original list shall be
 26 submitted to said City Council within ten (10) days from the
 27 expiration of the term of any member of said Authority, and
 28 within twenty (20) days from the resignation, death or removal
 29 for cause of any member of said Authority. During any vacancy
 30 or vacancies for any reason or reasons, the remaining members
 31 of said board shall constitute said board with full power and

1 authority to act as though there was no vacancy in the
2 membership of said board. Members shall receive such
3 compensation for their services and reimbursement for verified
4 travel and other expenses as shall be provided for by
5 resolution of said board. Four (4) members shall constitute a
6 quorum for meetings and an affirmative vote of a majority of
7 the members present shall be necessary for any action taken by
8 the Authority. There is hereby created an interim term
9 commencing at the expiration of the term of each board member
10 serving on July 1, 1989, and ending on the thirtieth day of
11 April of the respective calendar year. Said interim term shall
12 be filled by appointment by the City Council as herein
13 provided. Successive four (4) year terms shall begin on the
14 first day of May of the respective year.

15 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
16 law.

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