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11	Representative Spratt offered the following:
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13	Amendment (with title amendment)
14	Remove everything after the enacting clause, and insert:
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16	Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section
17	253.025, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
18	253.025 Acquisition of state lands for purposes other than
19	preservation, conservation, and recreation
20	(6) Prior to negotiations with the parcel owner to
21	purchase land pursuant to this section, title to which will vest
22	in the board of trustees, an appraisal of the parcel shall be
23	required as follows:
24	(a) Each parcel to be acquired shall have at least one
25	appraisal. Two appraisals are required when the estimated value
26	of the parcel first appraisal exceeds \$1 million \$500,000.
27	However, when the values of both appraisals exceed \$500,000 and

differ significantly, a third appraisal may be obtained. When a parcel is estimated to be worth \$100,000 or less and the director of the Division of State Lands finds that the cost of obtaining an outside appraisal is not justified, a comparable sales analysis or other reasonably prudent procedures an appraisal prepared by the division may be used by the division to estimate the value of the parcel, provided the public's interest is reasonably protected. The state is not required to appraise the value of lands and appurtenances that are being donated to the state.

Section 2. Subsections (2), (5), and (6) of section 253.034, Florida Statutes, are amended, subsections (8), (9), (10), and (11) are renumbered as subsections (9), (10), (11), and (12), respectively, and a new subsection (8) is added to said section, to read:

253.034 State-owned lands; uses.--

- (2) As used in this section, the following phrases have the following meanings:
- (a) "Multiple use" means the harmonious and coordinated management of timber, recreation, conservation of fish and wildlife, forage, archaeological and historic sites, habitat and other biological resources, or water resources so that they are utilized in the combination that will best serve the people of the state, making the most judicious use of the land for some or all of these resources and giving consideration to the relative values of the various resources. Where necessary and appropriate for all state-owned lands that are larger than 1,000 acres in project size and are managed for multiple uses, buffers may be formed around any areas that require special protection or have

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special management needs. Such buffers shall not exceed more than one-half of the total acreage. Multiple uses within a buffer area may be restricted to provide the necessary buffering effect desired. Multiple use in this context includes both uses of land or resources by more than one management entity, which may include private sector land managers. In any case, lands identified as multiple-use lands in the land management plan shall be managed to enhance and conserve the lands and resources for the enjoyment of the people of the state.

- "Single use" means management for one particular purpose to the exclusion of all other purposes, except that the using entity shall have the option of including in its management program compatible secondary purposes which will not detract from or interfere with the primary management purpose. Such single uses may include, but are not necessarily restricted to, the use of agricultural lands for production of food and livestock, the use of improved sites and grounds for institutional purposes, and the use of lands for parks, preserves, wildlife management, archaeological or historic sites, or wilderness areas where the maintenance of essentially natural conditions is important. All submerged lands shall be considered single-use lands and shall be managed primarily for the maintenance of essentially natural conditions, the propagation of fish and wildlife, and public recreation, including hunting and fishing where deemed appropriate by the managing entity.
- (c) "Conservation lands" means lands that are currently managed for conservation, outdoor resource-based recreation, or archaeological or historic preservation, except those lands that

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were acquired solely to facilitate the acquisition of other conservation lands. Lands acquired for uses other than conservation, outdoor resource-based recreation, or archaeological or historic preservation shall not be designated conservation lands except as otherwise authorized under this section. These lands shall include, but not be limited to, the following: correction and detention facilities, military installations and facilities, state office buildings, maintenance yards, state university or state community college campuses, agricultural field stations or offices, tower sites, law enforcement and license facilities, laboratories, hospitals, clinics, and other sites that possess no significant natural or historical resources. However, lands acquired solely to facilitate the acquisition of other conservation lands, and for which the land management plan has not yet been completed or updated, may be evaluated by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund on a case-by-case basis to determine if they will be designated conservation lands. Lands acquired by the state as a gift, through donation, or by any other conveyance for which no consideration was paid, and that are not managed for conservation, outdoor resource-based recreation, or archaeological or historic preservation under a land management plan approved by the board of trustees, are not conservation lands.

(5) Each <u>manager of</u> entity <u>managing</u> conservation lands shall submit to the Division of State Lands a land management plan at least every <u>10</u> 5 years in a form and manner prescribed by rule by the board <u>and in accordance with the provisions of s. 259.032. Each manager of nonconservation lands shall submit to</u>

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115	the Division of State Lands a land use plan at least every 10
116	years in a form and manner prescribed by rule by the board. The
117	division shall review each plan for compliance with the
118	requirements of this subsection and the requirements of the
119	rules established by the board pursuant to this section. All
120	land use management plans, whether for single-use or multiple-
121	use properties, shall include an analysis of the property to
122	determine if any significant natural or cultural resources are
123	located on the property. specifically describe how the managing
124	entity plans to identify, locate, protect and preserve, or
125	otherwise use fragile nonrenewable resources, Such resources
126	include as archaeological and historic sites, state and
127	federally listed as well as other fragile resources, including
128	endangered plant and animal species, and imperiled natural
129	communities and unique natural features. If such resources occur
130	on the property, then the manager shall consult with the
131	Division of State Lands and other appropriate agencies to
132	develop management strategies to protect such resources. Land
133	use plans shall also provide for the control of invasive
134	nonnative plants and conservation of soil and water resources,
135	including a description of how the manager plans to and for the
136	control and <u>prevent</u> prevention of soil erosion <u>and soil or water</u>
137	contamination. Land use management plans submitted by a manager
138	an entity shall include reference to appropriate statutory
139	authority for such use or uses and shall conform to the
140	appropriate policies and guidelines of the state land management
141	plan. All land management Plans for <u>managed areas</u> parcels larger
142	than 1,000 acres shall contain an analysis of the multiple-use
143	potential of the property parcel, which analysis shall include

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the potential of the <u>property parcel</u> to generate revenues to enhance the management of the <u>property parcel</u>. Additionally, the <u>land management</u> plan shall contain an analysis of the potential use of private land managers to facilitate the restoration or management of these lands. In those cases where a newly acquired property has a valid conservation plan <u>that was developed by a soil and conservation district</u>, <u>such the plan shall be used to guide management of the property until a formal land <u>use management</u> plan is completed.</u>

- The Division of State Lands shall make available to the public a copy of each land management plan for parcels that exceed 160 acres in size. The council shall review each plan for compliance with the requirements of this subsection, the requirements of chapter 259, and the requirements of the rules established by the board pursuant to this section. The council shall also consider the propriety of the recommendations of the managing entity with regard to the future use of the property, the protection of fragile or nonrenewable resources, the potential for alternative or multiple uses not recognized by the managing entity, and the possibility of disposal of the property by the board. After its review, the council shall submit the plan, along with its recommendations and comments, to the board. The council shall specifically recommend to the board whether to approve the plan as submitted, approve the plan with modifications, or reject the plan.
- (b) The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement
 Trust Fund shall consider the land management plan submitted by
 each entity and the recommendations of the council and the
 Division of State Lands and shall approve the plan with or

without modification or reject such plan. The use or possession of any such lands that is not in accordance with an approved land management plan is subject to termination by the board.

- Trust Fund shall determine which lands, the title to which is vested in the board, may be surplused. For conservation lands, the board shall make a determination that the lands are no longer needed for conservation purposes and may dispose of them by a two-thirds vote. In the case of a land exchange involving the disposition of conservation lands, the board must determine by at least a two-thirds vote that the exchange will result in a net positive conservation benefit. For all other lands, the board shall make a determination that the lands are no longer needed and may dispose of them by majority vote.
- (a) For the purposes of this subsection, all lands acquired by the state prior to July 1, 1999, using proceeds from the Preservation 2000 bonds, the Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund, the Water Management Lands Trust Fund, Environmentally Endangered Lands Program, and the Save Our Coast Program and titled to the board, which lands are identified as core parcels or within original project boundaries, shall be deemed to have been acquired for conservation purposes.
- (b) For any lands purchased by the state on or after July 1, 1999, a determination shall be made by the board prior to acquisition as to those parcels that shall be designated as having been acquired for conservation purposes. No lands acquired for use by the Department of Corrections, the Department of Management Services for use as state offices, the Department of Transportation, except those specifically managed

for conservation or recreation purposes, or the State University System or the Florida Community College System shall be designated as having been purchased for conservation purposes.

- (c) At least every 5 years, as a component of each land management plan or land use plan and in a form and manner prescribed by rule by the board, each management entity shall evaluate and indicate to the board those lands that the entity manages which are not being used for the purpose for which they were originally leased. Such lands shall be reviewed by the council for its recommendation as to whether such lands should be disposed of by the board.
- (d) Lands owned by the board which are not actively managed by any state agency or for which a land management plan has not been completed pursuant to subsection (5) shall be reviewed by the council or its successor for its recommendation as to whether such lands should be disposed of by the board.
- (e) Prior to any decision by the board to surplus lands, the Acquisition and Restoration Council shall review and make recommendations to the board concerning the request for surplusing. The council shall determine whether the request for surplusing is compatible with the resource values of and management objectives for such lands.
- (f) In reviewing lands owned by the board, the council shall consider whether such lands would be more appropriately owned or managed by the county or other unit of local government in which the land is located. The council shall recommend to the board whether a sale, lease, or other conveyance to a local government would be in the best interests of the state and local government. The provisions of this paragraph in no way limit the

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provisions of ss. 253.111 and 253.115. Such lands shall be offered to the state, county, or local government for a period of 30 days. Permittable uses for such surplus lands may include public schools; public libraries; fire or law enforcement substations; and governmental, judicial, or recreational centers. County or local government requests for surplus lands shall be expedited throughout the surplusing process. If the county or local government does not elect to purchase such lands in accordance with s. 253.111, then any surplusing determination involving other governmental agencies shall be made upon the board deciding the best public use of the lands. Surplus properties in which governmental agencies have expressed no interest shall then be available for sale on the private market.

(g) The sale price of lands determined to be surplus pursuant to this subsection shall be determined by the division and shall take into consideration an appraisal of the property, or when the estimated value of the land is less than \$100,000, a comparable sales analysis or a broker's opinion of value, and sold for appraised value or the price paid by the state or a water management district to originally acquire the lands, whichever is greater, except when the board or its designee determines a different sale price is in the public interest. However, for those lands sold as surplus to any unit of government, the price shall not exceed the price paid by the state or a water management district to originally acquire the lands. A unit of government that which acquires title to lands hereunder for less than appraised value may not sell or transfer title to all or any portion of the lands to any private owner for a period of 10 years. Any unit of government seeking to

transfer or sell lands pursuant to this paragraph shall first allow the board of trustees to reacquire such lands for the price at which the board they sold such lands.

- (h) Where a unit of government acquired land by gift, donation, grant, quit-claim deed, or other such conveyance where no monetary consideration was exchanged, the price of land sold as surplus may be based on one appraisal. In the event that a single appraisal yields a value equal to or greater than \$1 million, a second appraisal is required. The individual or entity requesting the surplus shall select and use appraisers from the list of approved appraisers maintained by the Division of State Lands in accordance with s. 253.025(6)(b). The individual or entity requesting the surplus is to incur all costs of the appraisals.
- (i) After reviewing the recommendations of the council, the board shall determine whether lands identified for surplus are to be held for other public purposes or whether such lands are no longer needed. The board may require an agency to release its interest in such lands. For an agency that has requested the use of a property that was to be declared as surplus, said agency must have the property under lease within 6 months of the date of expiration of the notice provisions required under ss. 253.034(6) and 253.111.
- (j) Requests for surplusing may be made by any public or private entity or person. All requests shall be submitted to the lead managing agency for review and recommendation to the council or its successor. Lead managing agencies shall have 90 days to review such requests and make recommendations. Any surplusing requests that have not been acted upon within the 90-

day time period shall be immediately scheduled for hearing at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the council or its successor. Requests for surplusing pursuant to this paragraph shall not be required to be offered to local or state governments as provided in paragraph (f).

- (k) Proceeds from any sale of surplus lands pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited into the fund from which such lands were acquired. However, if the fund from which the lands were originally acquired no longer exists, such proceeds shall be deposited into an appropriate account to be used for land management by the lead managing agency assigned the lands prior to the lands being declared surplus. Funds received from the sale of surplus nonconservation lands, or lands that were acquired by gift, by donation, or for no consideration, shall be deposited into the Internal Improvement Trust Fund.
- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, no such disposition of land shall be made if such disposition would have the effect of causing all or any portion of the interest on any revenue bonds issued to lose the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes.
- (m) The sale of filled, formerly submerged land that does not exceed 5 acres in area is not subject to review by the council or its successor.
- (n) The board may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section, which may include procedures for administering surplus land requests and criteria for when the division may approve requests to surplus nonconservation lands on behalf of the board.

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- (8)(a) Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, the Division of State Lands is directed to prepare a state inventory of all federal lands and all lands titled in the name of the state, a state agency, a water management district, or a local government on a county-by-county basis, with the exception of rights-of-way for existing, proposed, or anticipated transportation facilities. The division must identify state or water management district lands purchased with funds distributed according to the Florida Forever Program, the Preservation 2000 Program, the Conservation and Recreation Lands Program, the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program, the Save Our Rivers Program, or the Save Our Coast Program. To facilitate the development of the state inventory, each county shall direct the appropriate county office with authority over the information to provide the division with a county inventory of all lands identified as federal lands and lands titled in the name of the state, a state agency, a water management district, or a local government.
- (b) The state inventory must distinguish between lands purchased by the state or a water management district as part of a core parcel or within original project boundaries, as those terms are used to meet the surplus requirements of subsection (6), and lands purchased by the state, a state agency, or a water management district which were not essential or necessary to meet the conservation purposes of the programs which funded the acquisition.
- (c) In any county in which more than 50 percent of the lands within the county boundary are federal lands or lands titled in the name of the state, a state agency, a water

management district, or a local government, those lands titled in the name of the state or a state agency that were purchased using funds from any program identified in paragraph (a) and that are not essential or necessary to meet the original purposes of the program under which they were acquired must be made available for purchase to public or private entities through the state's surplusing process. Priority consideration must be given to buyers, public or private, willing to return the property to productive use so long as the property can be reentered onto the county ad valorem tax roll. Property acquired with matching funds from a local government shall not be made available for purchase without the consent of said local government.

Section 3. Section 253.0341, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

253.0341 Surplus of state-owned lands to counties or local governments.--Counties and local governments may submit surplusing requests for state-owned lands directly to the Board of Trustees, and the decision to surplus state-owned lands to a county or local government may be made by the board without a review of or a recommendation on the request from the Acquisition and Restoration Council or the Division of State Lands. County or local government requests for the state to surplus conservation or nonconservation lands, whether for purchase or exchange, shall be expedited throughout the surplusing process. Surplusing requests made by a county or local government shall be considered by the board at the first board meeting scheduled within 60 days after the board's receipt of the request.

375 Section 4. Section 253.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to 376 read:

(Substantial rewording of section. See

s. 253.42, F.S., for present text.)

- 253.42 Board of Trustees may exchange lands.--The provisions of this section apply to all lands owned by, vested in, or titled in the name of the board, whether the lands were acquired by the state as a purchase or through gift, donation, or any other conveyance for which no consideration was paid.
- (1) The Board of Trustees may exchange any lands owned by, vested in, or titled in the name of the board for other lands in the state owned by counties, local governments, individuals, or private or public corporations and may fix the terms and conditions of any such exchange. Any nonconservation lands that were acquired by the state through gift, donation, or any other conveyance for which no consideration was paid must first be offered at no cost to a county or local government unless otherwise provided in a deed restriction of record and so long as the use proposed by the county or local government is for a public purpose. For conservation lands acquired by the state through gift, donation, or any other conveyance for which no consideration was paid, the state may request land of equal conservation value from the county or local government but no other consideration.
- (2) In exchanging state-owned lands not acquired by the state through gift, donation, or any other conveyance for which no consideration was paid with counties or local governments, the board may require an exchange of equal value. "Equal value" is defined as the conservation value of the lands being offered

for exchange by a county or local government being equal in conservation value to the state-owned lands, or may be defined as the appraised value of the lands being offered for exchange by a county or local government and monetary compensation to equal the appraised value of the state-owned land. Equal value under this subsection shall be considered a net positive conservation benefit.

(3) The board shall select and agree upon the state lands to be exchanged and the lands to be conveyed to the state and pay or receive any sum of money deemed necessary by the board for the purpose of equalizing the value of the exchanged property. The board is authorized to make and enter into contracts or agreements for such purpose or purposes.

Section 5. Section 253.7823, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

253.7823 Disposition of surplus lands; compensation of counties located within the Cross Florida Canal Navigation District.--

(1) The department <u>may</u> shall identify parcels of former barge canal lands <u>that</u> which may be sold or exchanged as needed to repay the counties of the Cross Florida Canal Navigation

District any sums due them pursuant to s. 253.783(2)(e). In identifying said surplus lands, the department shall give priority consideration to lands situated outside the greenways' boundaries, to those <u>lands</u> not having high recreation or conservation values, and those having the greatest assessed valuations. Although the department shall immediately begin to identify the parcels of surplus lands to be sold, the department

shall offer the lands for sale in a manner designed to maximize the amounts received over a reasonable period of time.

- (2) Disbursements of amounts due the counties shall be made on a semiannual basis and shall be completed before any additional lands or easements may be acquired within the boundaries of the greenways.
- (2)(3) In addition to lands identified for sale to generate funds for repayment of counties pursuant to s. 253.783(2)(e), The department is authorized to sell surplus additional former canal lands if they are determined to be unnecessary to the effective provision of the type of recreational opportunities and conservation activities for which the greenway was greenways were created.
- (4) Until repayment to the counties pursuant to s. 253.783(2)(e) has been completed, any agency wishing to use former canal lands must pay the full assessed value of said lands.
- Section 6. Paragraph (c) of subsection (10) and subsections (12), (13), and (16) of section 259.032, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 259.032 Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund; purpose.--

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(c) Once a plan is adopted, the managing agency or entity shall update the plan at least every 10 5 years in a form and manner prescribed by rule of the board of trustees. Such updates, for parcels over 160 acres, shall be developed with input from an advisory group. Such plans may include transfers of leasehold interests to appropriate conservation organizations

or governmental entities designated by the Land Acquisition and Management Advisory Council or its successor, for uses consistent with the purposes of the organizations and the protection, preservation, conservation, restoration, and proper management of the lands and their resources. Volunteer management assistance is encouraged, including, but not limited to, assistance by youths participating in programs sponsored by state or local agencies, by volunteers sponsored by environmental or civic organizations, and by individuals participating in programs for committed delinquents and adults.

By July 1 of each year, each governmental agency and each private entity designated to manage lands shall report to the Secretary of Environmental Protection on the progress of funding, staffing, and resource management of every project for which the agency or entity is responsible.

(12)(a) Beginning July 1, 1999, the Legislature shall make

available sufficient funds annually from the Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund to the department for payment in lieu of taxes to qualifying counties and local governments as defined in paragraph (b) for all actual tax losses incurred as a result of board of trustees acquisitions for state agencies under the Florida Forever program or the Florida Preservation 2000 program during any year. Reserved funds not used for

payments in lieu of taxes in any year shall revert to the fund to be used for land acquisition in accordance with the

(b) Payment in lieu of taxes shall be available:

provisions of this section.

- 1. To all counties that have a population of 150,000 or fewer. Population levels shall be determined pursuant to s. 11.031.
 - 2. To all local governments located in eligible counties.
- 3. To Glades County, where a privately owned and operated prison leased to the state has recently been opened and where privately owned and operated juvenile justice facilities leased to the state have recently been constructed and opened, a payment in lieu of taxes, in an amount that offsets the loss of property tax revenue, which funds have already been appropriated and allocated from the Department of Correction's budget for the purpose of reimbursing amounts equal to lost ad valorem taxes.

Counties and local governments that did not receive payments in lieu of taxes for lands purchased pursuant to s. 259.101 during fiscal year 1999-2000, if such counties and local governments would have received payments pursuant to this subsection as that section existed on June 30, 1999, shall receive retroactive payments for such tax losses.

- (c) If insufficient funds are available in any year to make full payments to all qualifying counties and local governments, such counties and local governments shall receive a pro rata share of the moneys available.
- (d) The payment amount shall be based on the average amount of actual taxes paid on the property for the 3 years preceding acquisition. Applications for payment in lieu of taxes shall be made no later than January 31 of the year following acquisition. No payment in lieu of taxes shall be made for

properties which were exempt from ad valorem taxation for the year immediately preceding acquisition.

(e) If property which was subject to ad valorem taxation was acquired by a tax-exempt entity for ultimate conveyance to the state under this chapter, payment in lieu of taxes shall be made for such property based upon the average amount of taxes paid on the property for the 3 years prior to its being removed from the tax rolls. The department shall certify to the Department of Revenue those properties that may be eligible under this provision. Once eligibility has been established, that county or local government shall receive 10 consecutive annual payments for each tax loss, and no further eligibility determination shall be made during that period.

(f)(e) Payment in lieu of taxes pursuant to this subsection shall be made annually to qualifying counties and local governments after certification by the Department of Revenue that the amounts applied for are reasonably appropriate, based on the amount of actual taxes paid on the eligible property, and after the Department of Environmental Protection has provided supporting documents to the Comptroller and has requested that payment be made in accordance with the requirements of this section. On behalf of any local government requesting payment in lieu of taxes, the state agency that acquired the land is responsible for preparing and submitting application requests for payment to the Department of Revenue for certification.

 $\underline{(g)}(f)$ If the board of trustees conveys to a local government title to any land owned by the board, any payments in

lieu of taxes on the land made to the local government shall be discontinued as of the date of the conveyance.

For the purposes of this subsection, "local government" includes municipalities, the county school board, mosquito control districts, and any other local government entity which levies ad valorem taxes, with the exception of a water management district.

(13) Moneys credited to the fund each year which are not used for management, maintenance, or capital improvements pursuant to subsection (11); for payment in lieu of taxes pursuant to subsection (12); or for the purposes of subsection (5) shall be available for the acquisition of land pursuant to this section.

(16) Notwithstanding other provisions of law relating to the purpose of the Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund, and for the 2002-2003 fiscal year only, the purposes of the trust fund shall include funding issues provided in the General Appropriations Act. This subsection expires July 1, 2003.

Section 7. Section 259.0322, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

259.0322 Reinstitution of payments in lieu of taxes; duration.—If the Department of Environmental Protection or a water management district has made a payment in lieu of taxes to a governmental entity and subsequently suspended such payment, the department or water management district shall reinstitute appropriate payments and continue the payments in consecutive years until the governmental entity has received a total of 20 10 payments for each tax loss.

Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 259.036, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

259.036 Management review teams.--

- management areas parcels of managed land prior to the date the manager managing agency is required to submit its 10-year 5-year land management plan update. For management areas that exceed 1,000 acres in size, the Division of State Lands shall schedule a land management review at least every 5 years. A copy of the review shall be provided to the manager managing agency, the Division of State Lands, and the Acquisition and Restoration Council Land Acquisition and Management Advisory Council or its successor. The manager managing agency shall consider the findings and recommendations of the land management review team in finalizing the required 10-year 5-year update of its management plan.
- Section 9. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 259.041, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 259.041 Acquisition of state-owned lands for preservation, conservation, and recreation purposes.--
- (1) Neither the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund nor its duly authorized agent shall commit the state, through any instrument of negotiated contract or agreement for purchase, to the purchase of lands with or without appurtenances unless the provisions of this section have been fully complied with. Except for the requirements of subsections (3), (14), and (15), the board of trustees may waive any requirements of this section, or may waive any rules adopted pursuant to this section, notwithstanding chapter 120, However,

the board of trustees may waive any requirement of this section, except the requirements of subsections (3), (14), and (15); or, notwithstanding chapter 120, may waive any rules adopted pursuant to this section, except rules adopted pursuant to subsections (3), (14), and (15); or may substitute other reasonably prudent procedures, provided the public's interest is reasonably protected. The title to lands acquired pursuant to this section shall vest in the board of trustees as provided in s. 253.03(1), unless otherwise provided by law, and all such titled lands, title to which is vested in the board of trustees pursuant to this section, shall be administered pursuant to the provisions of s. 253.03.

- (3) No agreement to acquire real property for the purposes described in this chapter, chapter 260, or chapter 375, title to which will vest in the board of trustees, may bind the state unless and until the agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection as complying with the requirements of this section and any rules adopted pursuant to this section. Where any of the following conditions exist, the agreement shall be submitted to and approved by the board of trustees:
- (a) The purchase price agreed to by the seller exceeds the value as established pursuant to the rules of the board of trustees;
- (b) The contract price agreed to by the seller and acquiring agency exceeds \$1 million;
- (c) The acquisition is the initial purchase in a project;

(d) Beginning in January 2004, the state's proposed acquisition is within a county in which more than 50 percent of the lands within the county boundary are, or will be, public lands managed primarily for conservation purposes, as determined pursuant to s. 253.034(8), and public ownership will reduce the total ad valorem taxes collected in such county by more than one-hundredth of 1 percent. In such case, the division shall contact the county administrator or county manager of the county in which the proposed acquisition is located to request the county's input regarding the proposed acquisition. The county shall report their concerns to the board of trustees, or, at the county's request, the division shall report the county's concerns to the board. The board must approve, by an affirmative vote of at least three of its members, the state's purchase of the proposed acquisition; or

(e)(d) Other conditions that the board of trustees may adopt by rule. Such conditions may include, but not be limited to, projects where title to the property being acquired is considered nonmarketable or is encumbered in such a way as to significantly affect its management.

Where approval of the board of trustees is required pursuant to this subsection, the acquiring agency must provide a justification as to why it is in the public's interest to acquire the parcel or project. Approval of the board of trustees also is required for projects the department recommends acquiring pursuant to subsections (14) and (15). Review and approval of agreements for acquisitions for Florida Greenways and Trails Program properties pursuant to chapter 260 may be

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waived by the department in any contract with nonprofit corporations that have agreed to assist the department with this program.

Section 10. Present subsection (5) of section 373.089, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (6), and a new subsection (5) is added to said section to read:

373.089 Sale or exchange of lands, or interests or rights in lands.—The governing board of the district may sell lands, or interests or rights in lands, to which the district has acquired title or to which it may hereafter acquire title in the following manner:

(5) In any county where more than 50 percent of the lands within the county boundary are federal lands or lands titled in the name of the state, a state agency, a water management district, or a local government, those lands titled in the name of a water management district that were purchased using funds distributed according to the Florida Forever Program, the Preservation 2000 Program, the Conservation and Recreation Lands Program, or the Save our Rivers Program, and which are not essential or necessary to meet the original purposes of the program under which they were acquired, must be made available for purchase to public or private entities through the surplusing process in subsection (6). Priority consideration must be given to buyers, public or private, who are willing to return the property to productive use so long as the property can be reentered onto the county ad valorem tax roll. Property acquired with matching funds from a local government shall not be made available for purchase without the consent of the local government.

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Section 11. Subsection (3) of section 373.139, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

373.139 Acquisition of real property.--

- (3) The initial 5-year work plan and any subsequent modifications or additions thereto shall be adopted by each water management district after a public hearing. Each water management district shall provide at least 14 days' advance notice of the hearing date and shall separately notify each county commission within which a proposed work plan project or project modification or addition is located of the hearing date.
- Appraisal reports, offers, and counteroffers are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) until an option contract is executed or, if no option contract is executed, until 30 days before a contract or agreement for purchase is considered for approval by the governing board. However, each district may, at its discretion, disclose appraisal reports to private landowners during negotiations for acquisitions using alternatives to fee simple techniques, if the district determines that disclosure of such reports will bring the proposed acquisition to closure. In the event that negotiation is terminated by the district, the title information, appraisal report, offers, and counteroffers shall become available pursuant to s. 119.07(1). Notwithstanding the provisions of this section and s. 259.041, a district and the Division of State Lands may share and disclose title information, appraisal reports, appraisal information, offers, and counteroffers when joint acquisition of property is contemplated. A district and the Division of State Lands shall maintain the confidentiality of such title information,

appraisal reports, appraisal information, offers, and counteroffers in conformance with this section and s. 259.041, except in those cases in which a district and the division have exercised discretion to disclose such information. A district may disclose appraisal information, offers, and counteroffers to a third party who has entered into a contractual agreement with the district to work with or on the behalf of or to assist the district in connection with land acquisitions. The third party shall maintain the confidentiality of such information in conformance with this section. In addition, a district may use, as its own, appraisals obtained by a third party provided the appraiser is selected from the district's list of approved appraisers and the appraisal is reviewed and approved by the district.

- (b) The Secretary of Environmental Protection shall release moneys from the appropriate account or trust fund to a district for preacquisition costs within 30 days after receipt of a resolution adopted by the district's governing board which identifies and justifies any such preacquisition costs necessary for the purchase of any lands listed in the district's 5-year work plan. The district shall return to the department any funds not used for the purposes stated in the resolution, and the department shall deposit the unused funds into the appropriate account or trust fund.
- (c) The Secretary of Environmental Protection shall release acquisition moneys from the appropriate account or trust fund to a district following receipt of a resolution adopted by the governing board identifying the lands being acquired and certifying that such acquisition is consistent with the 5-year

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work plan of acquisition and other provisions of this section. The governing board also shall provide to the Secretary of Environmental Protection a copy of all certified appraisals used to determine the value of the land to be purchased. Each parcel to be acquired must have at least one appraisal. Two appraisals are required when the estimated value of the parcel exceeds \$1 million \$500,000. However, when both appraisals exceed \$1 million \$500,000 and differ significantly, a third appraisal may be obtained. If the purchase price is greater than the appraisal price, the governing board shall submit written justification for the increased price. The Secretary of Environmental Protection may withhold moneys for any purchase that is not consistent with the 5-year plan or the intent of this section or that is in excess of appraised value. The governing board may appeal any denial to the Land and Water Adjudicatory Commission pursuant to s. 373.114.

Section 12. Subsection (10) of section 373.59, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

373.59 Water Management Lands Trust Fund. --

(10)(a) Beginning July 1, 1999, not more than one-fourth of the land management funds provided for in subsections (1) and (8) in any year shall be reserved annually by a governing board, during the development of its annual operating budget, for payments in lieu of taxes for all actual tax losses incurred as a result of governing board acquisitions for water management districts pursuant to ss. 259.101, 259.105, and 373.470 and this section during any year. Reserved funds not used for payments in lieu of taxes in any year shall revert to the Water Management

Lands Trust Fund to be used in accordance with the provisions of this section.

- (b) Payment in lieu of taxes shall be available:
- 1. To all counties that have a population of 150,000 or fewer. Population levels shall be determined pursuant to s. 11.031.
- 2. To all local governments located in eligible counties and whose lands are bought and taken off the tax rolls.

For properties acquired after January 1, 2000, in the event that such properties otherwise eligible for payment in lieu of taxes under this subsection are leased or reserved and remain subject to ad valorem taxes, payments in lieu of taxes shall commence or recommence upon the expiration or termination of the lease or reservation, but in no event shall there be more than a total of 20 ten annual payments in lieu of taxes for each tax loss. If the lease is terminated for only a portion of the lands at any time, the 20 ten annual payments shall be made for that portion only commencing the year after such termination, without limiting the requirement that 20 ten annual payments shall be made on the remaining portion or portions of the land as the lease on each expires. For the purposes of this subsection, "local government" includes municipalities, the county school board, mosquito control districts, and any other local government entity which levies ad valorem taxes.

(c) If sufficient funds are unavailable in any year to make full payments to all qualifying counties and local governments, such counties and local governments shall receive a pro rata share of the moneys available.

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- (d) The payment amount shall be based on the average amount of actual taxes paid on the property for the 3 years preceding acquisition. Applications for payment in lieu of taxes shall be made no later than January 31 of the year following acquisition. No payment in lieu of taxes shall be made for properties which were exempt from ad valorem taxation for the year immediately preceding acquisition.
- (e) If property that was subject to ad valorem taxation was acquired by a tax-exempt entity for ultimate conveyance to the state under this chapter, payment in lieu of taxes shall be made for such property based upon the average amount of taxes paid on the property for the 3 years prior to its being removed from the tax rolls. The water management districts shall certify to the Department of Revenue those properties that may be eligible under this provision. Once eligibility has been established, that governmental entity shall receive 10 consecutive annual payments for each tax loss, and no further eligibility determination shall be made during that period.
- (f)(e) Payment in lieu of taxes pursuant to this subsection shall be made annually to qualifying counties and local governments after certification by the Department of Revenue that the amounts applied for are reasonably appropriate, based on the amount of actual taxes paid on the eligible property, and after the water management districts have provided supporting documents to the Comptroller and have requested that payment be made in accordance with the requirements of this section. On behalf of any local government requesting payment in lieu of taxes, the water management district that acquired the land is responsible for preparing and submitting application

requests for payment to the Department of Revenue for certification.

 $\underline{(g)(f)}$ If a water management district conveys to a county or local government title to any land owned by the district, any payments in lieu of taxes on the land made to the county or local government shall be discontinued as of the date of the conveyance.

(g) The districts may make retroactive payments to counties and local governments that did not receive payments in lieu of taxes for lands purchased under s. 259.101 and this section during fiscal year 1999-2000 if the counties and local governments would have received those payments under ss. 259.032(12) and 373.59(14).

Section 13. Section 373.5905, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

373.5905 Reinstitution of payments in lieu of taxes; duration.—If the Department of Environmental Protection or a water management district has made a payment in lieu of taxes to a governmental entity and subsequently suspended such payment, the department or water management district shall reinstitute appropriate payments and continue the payments in consecutive years until the governmental entity has received a total of 20 payments for each tax loss.

Section 14. In an exchange of lands contemplated between the Board of Trustees and a local government for donated state lands no longer needed for conservation purposes, lands proposed for exchange by the state and the local government shall be considered of equal value, and no further consideration shall be required, provided that the donated land being offered for

exchange by the state is not greater than 200 acres, and provided that the local government has been negotiating the exchange of lands with the Division of State Lands for a period of not less than 1 year. Notwithstanding the exchange and surplusing requirements of chapters 253 and 259, Florida Statutes, and the notice requirements of chapter 270, Florida Statutes, the Board of Trustees shall exchange lands with a local government under these provisions no later than August 15, 2003. Lands conveyed to a local government under these provisions must be used for a public purpose. Deeds of conveyance conveyed to a local government under these provisions shall contain a reverter clause that automatically reverts title to the Board of Trustees if the local government fails to use the property for a public purpose.

Section 15. Notwithstanding any requirements of chapters 253 and 259, Florida Statutes, and the noticing requirements of chapter 270, Florida Statutes, an exchange of lands between the Board of Trustees and a private entity involving state-owned lands that are formerly submerged sovereignty lands and which are located in Section 23, Township 40 South, Range 32 East shall be exchanged by August 31, 2003. Provided the land to be exchanged by the state is not greater than 200 acres, is within a rural county of critical economic concern, and is adjacent to lands sold by the state to private interests, the exchange is hereby mandated. Further, the private entity receiving title to the lands described above must have been negotiating with the state for a period of not less than 1 year, must have acquired lands within a Florida Forever conservation project for exchange to the state, and must own land adjacent to the subject state

parcel. This exchange must be value for value for the state; therefore, the private party will pay to the state any funds necessary to equalize value for the state.

Section 16. <u>Section 253.84</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed. Section 17. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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An act relating to the acquisition and conservation of lands; amending s. 253.025, F.S.; revising requirements for appraisals when acquiring state lands; amending s. 253.034, F.S.; providing conditions under which state-owned lands may be considered nonconservation lands; revising requirements for land management plans for conservation lands to be submitted to the Division of State Lands; providing that land use plans for nonconservation lands be submitted to the Division of State Lands at least every 10 years; revising requirements for the sale of surplus lands; authorizing the Division of State Lands to determine the sale price of surplus lands; providing the Board of Trustees with the authority to adopt rules; directing the Division of State Lands to prepare a state inventory of all federal lands and all lands titled in the name of the state, a state agency, a water management district, or a local government;

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requiring the participation of counties in developing a county inventory; providing conditions under which certain lands must be made available for purchasing under the state's land surplusing process; creating s. 253.0341, F.S.; authorizing counties and local governments to submit requests to surplus state lands directly to the Board of Trustees; providing for an expedited surplusing process; amending s. 253.42, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which the Board of Trustees may directly exchange state-owned lands; providing requirements for the exchange of donated conservation lands; providing requirements for the conveyance of donated nonconservation lands; providing requirements for the exchange of other state-owned lands; amending s. 253.7823, F.S.; revising requirements for the disposition of former barge canal surplus lands; amending s. 259.032, F.S.; revising requirements for updating land management plans; eliminating the reversion of specified funds for use in acquiring lands; requiring that state agencies prepare and submit to the Department of Revenue requests for certification of payment in lieu of taxes applications from local governments; revising requirements for payment in lieu of taxes; amending s. 259.0322, F.S.; providing that payment in lieu of taxes payments shall be made for 20 consecutive years; amending s. 259.036, F.S.; providing that land management review teams shall submit a 10-year land management plan update to the Acquisition and

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Restoration Council; amending s. 259.041, F.S.; clarifying certain requirements regarding the acquisition of state-owned lands; providing circumstances under which the state may purchase lands in certain counties beginning in 2004; providing the Board of Trustees with the authority to adopt rules; amending s. 373.089, F.S.; providing conditions under which the water management districts must make district-owned lands available for purchase; amending s. 373.139, F.S.; repealing obsolete requirements; revising appraisal requirements based on estimated value of the parcel; amending s. 373.59, F.S.; revising provisions requiring that the water management districts may make payments in lieu of taxes from funds deposited into the Water Management Lands Trust Fund; providing for 20 annual payments in lieu of taxes; amending s. 373.5905, F.S.; revising provisions requiring reinstitution of payments in lieu of taxes; authorizing the exchange of lands between the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund and a local government under certain conditions; providing purposes for which exchanged lands may be used; authorizing the exchange of lands between the Board of Trustees and a private entity under certain conditions; providing value for value exchange; repealing s. 253.84, F.S., providing for the acquisition of lands by the state of property containing cattle-dipping vats; providing an effective date.