

By the Committee on Finance and Taxation; and Senator Geller

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to local governments; amending  
s. 253.034, F.S.; providing for the disposition  
of certain surplus state lands; amending s.  
274.02, F.S.; revising a definition to increase  
the monetary value of fixtures and tangible  
personal property that must be included in an  
inventory of property; providing an effective  
date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (6) of section  
253.034, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

253.034 State-owned lands; uses.--

(6) The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement  
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.

(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

1 recommend to the board whether a sale, lease, or other  
2 conveyance to a local government would be in the best  
3 interests of the state and local government. The provisions of  
4 this paragraph in no way limit the provisions of ss. 253.111  
5 and 253.115. Such lands shall be offered to the state, county,  
6 or local government for a period of 30 days. Permittable uses  
7 for such surplus lands may include public schools; public  
8 libraries; fire or law enforcement substations; and  
9 governmental, judicial, or recreational centers. County or  
10 local government requests for surplus lands shall be expedited  
11 throughout the surplus process. If the county or local  
12 government does not elect to purchase such lands in accordance  
13 with s. 253.111, then any surplus determination involving  
14 other governmental agencies shall be made upon the board  
15 deciding the best public use of the lands. Surplus properties  
16 in which governmental agencies have expressed no interest  
17 shall then be available for sale on the private market.  
18 Notwithstanding this subsection, any surplus lands that were  
19 acquired by the state prior to 1960 by a gift or other  
20 conveyance for no consideration from a municipality shall be  
21 first offered for reconveyance at no cost to such  
22 municipality, unless otherwise provided in a deed restriction  
23 of record.

24 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 274.02, Florida  
25 Statutes, is amended to read:

26 274.02 Record and inventory of certain property.--

27 (1) The word "property" as used in this section means  
28 fixtures and other tangible personal property of a  
29 nonconsumable nature the value of which is \$1,000~~\$750~~ or more  
30 and the normal expected life of which is 1 year or more.

31 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
Senate Bill 262

This committee substitute requires the state to offer to convey surplus lands to a municipality at no cost, if the surplus lands were acquired by the state before 1960 by a gift from the municipality.