

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to local governments; amending s. 253.034,
3 F.S.; providing for the disposition of certain surplus
4 state lands; amending s. 274.02, F.S.; revising a
5 definition to increase the monetary value of fixtures and
6 tangible personal property that must be included in an
7 inventory of property; amending s. 274.12, F.S.; requiring
8 special districts governed by ch. 274, F.S., to comply
9 with the provisions of such chapter; providing an
10 effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (6) of section
15 253.034, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 253.034 State-owned lands; uses.--

17 (6) The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement
18 Trust Fund shall determine which lands, the title to which is
19 vested in the board, may be surplused. For conservation lands,
20 the board shall make a determination that the lands are no
21 longer needed for conservation purposes and may dispose of them
22 by an affirmative vote of at least three members. In the case of
23 a land exchange involving the disposition of conservation lands,
24 the board must determine by an affirmative vote of at least
25 three members that the exchange will result in a net positive
26 conservation benefit. For all other lands, the board shall make
27 a determination that the lands are no longer needed and may

28 | dispose of them by an affirmative vote of at least three
29 | members.

30 | (f) In reviewing lands owned by the board, the council
31 | shall consider whether such lands would be more appropriately
32 | owned or managed by the county or other unit of local government
33 | in which the land is located. The council shall recommend to the
34 | board whether a sale, lease, or other conveyance to a local
35 | government would be in the best interests of the state and local
36 | government. The provisions of this paragraph in no way limit the
37 | provisions of ss. 253.111 and 253.115. Such lands shall be
38 | offered to the state, county, or local government for a period
39 | of 30 days. Permittable uses for such surplus lands may include
40 | public schools; public libraries; fire or law enforcement
41 | substations; and governmental, judicial, or recreational
42 | centers. County or local government requests for surplus lands
43 | shall be expedited throughout the surplus process. If the
44 | county or local government does not elect to purchase such lands
45 | in accordance with s. 253.111, then any surplus determination
46 | involving other governmental agencies shall be made upon the
47 | board deciding the best public use of the lands. Surplus
48 | properties in which governmental agencies have expressed no
49 | interest shall then be available for sale on the private market.
50 | Notwithstanding this paragraph, any surplus lands acquired by
51 | the state prior to 1958 by a gift or other conveyance for no or
52 | minimal consideration from a municipality shall be first offered
53 | for reconveyance to such municipality at no cost except the fair
54 | market value of any buildings or other improvements to the land,
55 | unless otherwise provided in a deed restriction of record.

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

58 274.02 Record and inventory of certain property.--

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

63 Section 3. Section 274.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to
64 read:

65 274.12 Special districts subject to chapter ~~ch. 79-183~~.--
66 Every special district governed by the provisions of this act
67 shall comply with the provisions of this chapter ~~s. 274.05~~.

68 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.