

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; providing a timeframe for such disposition;
5 amending s. 274.02, F.S.; revising a definition to
6 increase the monetary value of fixtures and tangible
7 personal property that must be included in an inventory of
8 property; amending s. 274.12, F.S.; requiring special
9 districts governed by ch. 274, F.S., to comply with the
10 provisions of such chapter; providing an 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)1. 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 2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., any surplus lands that
51 were acquired by the state prior to 1958 by a gift or other
52 conveyance for no consideration from a municipality, and which
53 the department has filed by July 1, 2006, a notice of its intent
54 to surplus, shall be first offered for reconveyance to such
55 municipality at no cost, but for the fair market value of any

56 | building or other improvements to the land, unless otherwise
57 | provided in a deed restriction of record. This subparagraph
58 | expires July 1, 2006.

59 | Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 274.02, Florida
60 | Statutes, is amended to read:

61 | 274.02 Record and inventory of certain property.--

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

66 | Section 3. Section 274.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to
67 | read:

68 | 274.12 Special districts subject to chapter ~~ch. 79-183~~.--
69 | Every special district governed by the provisions of this act
70 | shall comply with the provisions of this chapter ~~s. 274.05~~.

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