By the Committee on Government Efficiency Appropriations; and Senator Atwater

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the distribution of proceeds
3	from the excise tax on documents; amending s.
4	201.15, F.S.; revising monetary criteria for
5	distributing portions of the tax to certain
6	trust funds; requiring that proceeds of the tax
7	in excess of specified amounts be deposited
8	into the General Revenue Fund; providing for
9	increased distributions to certain trust funds
10	under certain circumstances to provide for
11	payments on bonds; providing a limitation;
12	providing an effective date.
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14	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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16	Section 1. Section 201.15, Florida Statutes, is
17	amended to read:
18	201.15 Distribution of taxes collectedAll taxes
19	collected under this chapter shall be distributed as follows
20	and shall be subject to the service charge imposed in s.
21	215.20(1), except that such service charge shall not be levied
22	against any portion of taxes pledged to debt service on bonds
23	to the extent that the amount of the service charge is
24	required to pay any amounts relating to the bonds:
25	(1) Sixty-two and sixty-three hundredths percent of
26	the remaining taxes collected under this chapter shall be used
27	for the following purposes:
28	(a) Amounts as shall be necessary to pay the debt
29	service on, or fund debt service reserve funds, rebate
30	obligations, or other amounts payable with respect to
31	Preservation 2000 bonds issued pursuant to s. 375.051 and

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Florida Forever bonds issued pursuant to s. 215.618, shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Land 2 Acquisition Trust Fund to be used for such purposes. The 3 amount transferred to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for such 4 purposes shall not exceed \$300 million in fiscal year 5 6 1999-2000 and thereafter for Preservation 2000 bonds and bonds 7 issued to refund Preservation 2000 bonds, and \$300 million in 8 fiscal year 2000-2001 and thereafter for Florida Forever bonds. The annual amount transferred to the Land Acquisition 9 Trust Fund for Florida Forever bonds shall not exceed \$30 10 million in the first fiscal year in which bonds are issued. 11 12 The limitation on the amount transferred shall be increased by 13 an additional \$30 million in each subsequent fiscal year, but shall not exceed a total of \$300 million in any fiscal year 14 for all bonds issued. It is the intent of the Legislature that 15 all bonds issued to fund the Florida Forever Act be retired by 16 17 December 31, 2030. Except for bonds issued to refund 18 previously issued bonds, no series of bonds may be issued pursuant to this paragraph unless such bonds are approved and 19 the debt service for the remainder of the fiscal year in which 20 the bonds are issued is specifically appropriated in the 2.1 22 General Appropriations Act. For purposes of refunding 23 Preservation 2000 bonds, amounts designated within this section for Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever bonds may be 2.4 25 transferred between the two programs to the extent provided for in the documents authorizing the issuance of the bonds. 26 27 The Preservation 2000 bonds and Florida Forever bonds shall be 2.8 equally and ratably secured by moneys distributable to the 29 Land Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to this section, except to the extent specifically provided otherwise by the documents 30 authorizing the issuance of the bonds. No moneys transferred

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to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund pursuant to this paragraph, or earnings thereon, shall be used or made available to pay debt service on the Save Our Coast revenue bonds.

- (b) The remainder of the moneys distributed under this subsection, after the required payment under paragraph (a), shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Save Our Everglades Trust Fund in amounts necessary to pay debt service, provide reserves, and pay rebate obligations and other amounts due with respect to bonds issued under s. 215.619.
- (c) The remainder of the moneys distributed under this subsection, after the required payments under paragraphs (a) and (b), shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Land Acquisition Trust Fund and may be used for any purpose for which funds deposited in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund may lawfully be used. Payments made under this paragraph shall continue until the cumulative amount credited to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund for the fiscal year under this paragraph and paragraph (2)(b) equals 70 percent of the current official forecast for distributions of taxes collected under this chapter pursuant to subsection (2). As used in this paragraph, the term "current official forecast" means the most recent forecast as determined by the Revenue Estimating Conference. If the current official forecast for a fiscal year changes after payments under this paragraph have ended during that fiscal year, no further payments are required under this paragraph during the fiscal year.
- (d) The remainder of the moneys distributed under this subsection, after the required payments under paragraphs (a),(b), and (c), shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Revenue Fund of the state to be used and

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expended for the purposes for which the General Revenue Fund was created and exists by law or to the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund or to the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund as provided in subsection (11).

- (2) The lesser of seven and fifty-six hundredths percent of the remaining taxes collected under this chapter or \$83.8 million in each fiscal year shall be used for the following purposes:
- (a) Beginning in the month following the final payment for a fiscal year under paragraph (1)(c), available moneys shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the General Revenue Fund of the state to be used and expended for the purposes for which the General Revenue Fund was created and exists by law or to the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund or to the Marine Resources Conservation Trust Fund as provided in subsection (11). Payments made under this paragraph shall continue until the cumulative amount credited to the General Revenue Fund for the fiscal year under this paragraph equals the cumulative payments made under paragraph (1)(c) for the same fiscal year.
- (b) The remainder of the moneys distributed under this subsection shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Land Acquisition Trust Fund. Sums deposited in the fund pursuant to this subsection may be used for any purpose for which funds deposited in the Land Acquisition Trust Fund may lawfully be used.
- (3) The lesser of one and ninety-four hundredths percent of the remaining taxes collected under this chapter or 29 \$26 million in each fiscal year shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Land Acquisition Trust Fund.

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Moneys deposited in the trust fund pursuant to this section shall be used for the following purposes:

- (a) Sixty percent of the moneys shall be used to acquire coastal lands or to pay debt service on bonds issued to acquire coastal lands+ and
- (b) Forty percent of the moneys shall be used to develop and manage lands acquired with moneys from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund.
- (4) The lesser of four and two-tenths percent of the remaining taxes collected under this chapter or \$60.5 million in each fiscal year shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Water Management Lands Trust Fund. Sums deposited in that fund may be used for any purpose authorized in s. 373.59.
- (5) Four and two-tenths percent of the remaining taxes collected under this chapter shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund to carry out the purposes set forth in s. 259.032. Nine and one-half percent of the amount credited to the Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund pursuant to this subsection shall be transferred to the State Game Trust Fund and used for land management activities.
- (6) The lesser of two and twenty-eight hundredths percent of the remaining taxes collected under this chapter or 25 \$36.1 million in each fiscal year shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Invasive Plant Control Trust Fund to carry out the purposes set forth in ss. 369.22 and 369.252.
  - (7) The lesser of one-half of one percent of the remaining taxes collected under this chapter or \$9.3 million in each fiscal year shall be paid into the State Treasury to

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the credit of the State Game Trust Fund to be used exclusively for the purpose of implementing the Lake Restoration 2020 Program.

(8) One-half of one percent of the remaining taxes collected under this chapter shall be paid into the State Treasury and divided equally to the credit of the Department of Environmental Protection Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund to address water quality impacts associated with nonagricultural nonpoint sources and to the credit of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services General Inspection Trust Fund to address water quality impacts associated with agricultural nonpoint sources, respectively. These funds shall be used for research, development, demonstration, and implementation of suitable best management practices or other measures used to achieve water quality standards in surface waters and water segments identified pursuant to ss. 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, Pub. L. No. 92-500, 33 U.S.C. ss. 1251 et seq. Implementation of best management practices and other measures may include cost-share grants, technical assistance, implementation tracking, and conservation leases or other agreements for water quality improvement. The Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services may adopt rules governing the distribution of funds for implementation of best management practices. The unobligated balance of funds received from the distribution of taxes collected under this chapter to address water quality impacts associated with nonagricultural nonpoint sources will be excluded when calculating the unobligated balance of the Water Quality Assurance Trust Fund as it relates to the determination of the applicable excise tax rate.

(9) Seven and fifty-three hundredths percent of the remaining taxes collected under this chapter shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the State Housing Trust Fund and shall be used as follows:

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- (a) Half of that amount shall be used for the purposes for which the State Housing Trust Fund was created and exists by law.
- (b) Half of that amount shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Local Government Housing Trust Fund and shall be used for the purposes for which the Local Government Housing Trust Fund was created and exists by law.
- (10) Eight and sixty-six hundredths percent of the remaining taxes collected under this chapter shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the State Housing Trust Fund and shall be used as follows:
- (a) Twelve and one-half percent of that amount shall be deposited into the State Housing Trust Fund and be expended by the Department of Community Affairs and by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation for the purposes for which the State Housing Trust Fund was created and exists by law.
- (b) Eighty-seven and one-half percent of that amount shall be distributed to the Local Government Housing Trust Fund and shall be used for the purposes for which the Local Government Housing Trust Fund was created and exists by law. Funds from this category may also be used to provide for state and local services to assist the homeless.
- (11) From the moneys specified in paragraphs (1)(d) and (2)(a) and prior to deposit of any moneys into the General Revenue Fund, \$30 million shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the Ecosystem Management and Restoration Trust Fund in fiscal year 2000-2001 and each

fiscal year thereafter, to be used for the preservation and repair of the state's beaches as provided in ss. 161.091-161.212, and \$2 million shall be paid into the State 3 Treasury to the credit of the Marine Resources Conservation 4 Trust Fund to be used for marine mammal care as provided in s. 5 370.0603(3). 7 (12) The Department of Revenue may use the payments 8 credited to trust funds pursuant to paragraphs (1)(c) and (2)(b) and subsections (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), and 9 (10) to pay the costs of the collection and enforcement of the 10 tax levied by this chapter. The percentage of such costs which 11 12 may be assessed against a trust fund is a ratio, the numerator 13 of which is payments credited to that trust fund under this section and the denominator of which is the sum of payments 14 made under paragraphs (1)(c) and (2)(b) and subsections (3), 15 16 (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), and (10). 17 (13) The distribution of proceeds deposited into the 18 Water Management Lands Trust Fund and the Conservation and Recreation Lands Trust Fund, pursuant to subsections (4) and 19 (5), shall not be used for land acquisition, but may be used 20 21 for preacquisition costs associated with land purchases. The 22 Legislature intends that the Florida Forever program supplant 23 the acquisition programs formerly authorized under ss. 259.032 and 373.59. Prior to the 2005 Regular Session of the 2.4 Legislature, the Acquisition and Restoration Council shall 2.5 review and make recommendations to the Legislature concerning 26 27 the need to repeal this provision. Based on these recommendations, the Legislature shall review the need to repeal this provision during the 2005 Regular Session. 29 30

(14) Amounts distributed pursuant to subsections (5), 2 (6), (7) and (8) are subject to the payment of debt service on outstanding Conservation and Recreation Lands revenue bonds. 3 4 (15) The remaining taxes collected under this chapter 5 shall be paid into the State Treasury to the credit of the 6 General Revenue Fund. 7 (16) If the payment requirements in any year for bonds outstanding on July 1, 2007, or bonds issued to refund such 8 9 bonds, exceed the limitations of this section, distributions 10 to the trust fund from which the bond payments are made shall be increased to the lesser of the amount needed to pay bond 11 12 obligations or the limit of the applicable percentage 13 <u>distribution provided in subsections (1)-(12).</u> (17) Distributions to the State Housing Trust Fund 14 pursuant to subsections (9) and (10) shall be sufficient to 15 cover amounts required to be transferred to the Florida 16 17 Affordable Housing Guarantee Program's annual debt service 18 reserve and quarantee fund pursuant to s. 420.5092(6)(a) and (b) up to but not exceeding the amount required to be 19 transferred to such reserve and fund based on the percentage 2.0 21 distribution of documentary stamp tax revenues to the State Housing Trust Fund which is in effect in the 2004-2005 fiscal 2.2 23 year. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007. 2.4 2.5 26 27 28 29 30 31

1 2	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  SB 1110
3	<u>55 1110</u>
4	The committee substitute for SB 1110 makes the following changes:
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6	1) It changes the effective date of the bill to July 1, 2007, and moves the applicable date for the bond savings provision back to July 1, 2007, as well;
7	2) It removes limitations on distributions to the State
8	Housing Trust Fund and to the Local Government Housing Trust Fund.
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