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Senators Dockery and Bennett moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment**

On page 19, line 9 through page 21, line 10, delete those lines

and insert:

ranch to operate and prosper. The management of the preserve shall be as provided in s. 259.106, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary.

(2) The Legislature recognizes that the acquisition of the state's portion of the Babcock Crescent B Ranch represents a unique opportunity to assist in preserving the largest private and undeveloped single-ownership tract of land in Charlotte County. The Legislature further recognizes Lee County as a partner in the acquisition of the ranch.

(3) This section authorizes the acquisition of the state's portion of the Babcock Crescent B Ranch in order to protect and preserve for future generations the scientific, scenic, historic, and natural values of the ranch, including rivers and ecosystems; to protect and preserve the

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1 archaeological, geological, and cultural resources of the  
2 ranch; to provide for species recovery; and to provide  
3 opportunities for public recreation.

4 (4) The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and  
5 the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall be  
6 the lead managing agencies responsible for the management of  
7 Babcock Crescent B Ranch.

8 (5) In addition to distributions authorized under s.  
9 259.105(3), the Department of Environmental Protection is  
10 authorized to distribute \$310 million in revenues from the  
11 Florida Forever Trust Fund. This distribution shall represent  
12 payment in full for the portion of the Babcock Crescent B  
13 Ranch to be acquired by the state under this section.

14 (6) As used in this section, the term "state's portion  
15 of the Babcock Crescent B Ranch" comprises those lands to be  
16 conveyed by special warranty deed to the Board of Trustees of  
17 the Internal Improvement Trust Fund under the provisions of  
18 the agreement for sale and purchase executed by the Board of  
19 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, the Fish and  
20 Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Department of  
21 Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the participating local  
22 government, as purchaser, and MSKP, III, a Florida  
23 corporation, as seller.

24 Section 8. Section 259.10521, Florida Statutes, is  
25 created to read:

26 259.10521 Citizen support organization; use of  
27 property; audit.--

28 (1) DEFINITIONS.--For the purpose of this section, the  
29 "Citizen support organization" means an organization that is:

30 (a) A Florida corporation not for profit incorporated  
31 under the provisions of chapter 617 and approved by the

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1 Department of State;

2       (b) Organized and operated to conduct programs and  
3 activities in the best interest of the state; raise funds;  
4 request and receive grants, gifts, and bequests of money;  
5 acquire, receive, hold, invest, and administer, in its own  
6 name, securities, funds, objects of value, or other property,  
7 real or personal; and make expenditures to or for the direct  
8 or indirect benefit of the Babcock Crescent B Ranch;

9       (c) Determined by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
10 Commission and the Division of Forestry within the Department  
11 of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and approved by the  
12 Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, to  
13 be consistent with the

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