

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity;
and Senator Fasano

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to surplus state lands;
3 amending s. 253.034, F.S.; providing for
4 reconveyance of certain state lands to certain
5 fair associations under certain circumstances;
6 authorizing certain agencies to remove certain
7 improvements, fixtures, goods, wares, and
8 merchandise from such lands within a time
9 certain after reconveyance; providing for
10 expiration; 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
22 them by an affirmative vote of at least three members. In the
23 case of a land exchange involving the disposition of
24 conservation lands, the board must determine by an affirmative
25 vote of at least three members that the exchange will result
26 in a net positive conservation benefit. For all other lands,
27 the board shall make a determination that the lands are no
28 longer needed and may dispose of them by an affirmative vote
29 of at least three members.
30 (f)1. In reviewing lands owned by the board, the
31 council shall consider whether such lands would be more

1 appropriately owned or managed by the county or other unit of
2 local government in which the land is located. The council
3 shall recommend to the board whether a sale, lease, or other
4 conveyance to a local government would be in the best
5 interests of the state and local government. The provisions of
6 this paragraph in no way limit the provisions of ss. 253.111
7 and 253.115. Such lands shall be offered to the state, county,
8 or local government for a period of 30 days. Permittable uses
9 for such surplus lands may include public schools; public
10 libraries; fire or law enforcement substations; and
11 governmental, judicial, or recreational centers. County or
12 local government requests for surplus lands shall be expedited
13 throughout the surplus process. If the county or local
14 government does not elect to purchase such lands in accordance
15 with s. 253.111, then any surplus determination involving
16 other governmental agencies shall be made upon the board
17 deciding the best public use of the lands. Surplus properties
18 in which governmental agencies have expressed no interest
19 shall then be available for sale on the private market.

20 2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., any surplus lands
21 that were acquired by the state prior to 1958 by a gift or
22 other conveyance for no consideration from a municipality, and
23 which the department has filed by July 1, 2006, a notice of
24 its intent to surplus, shall be first offered for reconveyance
25 to such municipality at no cost, but for the fair market value
26 of any building or other improvements to the land, unless
27 otherwise provided in a deed restriction of record. This
28 subparagraph expires July 1, 2006.

29 3. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., any parcel of
30 surplus lands less than 3 acres in size that was acquired by
31 the state prior to 1955 by gift or other conveyance for no

1 consideration from a fair association incorporated under
2 chapter 616 for the purpose of conducting and operating public
3 fairs or expositions, and for which the department has filed
4 by July 1, 2007, a notice of intent to surplus, shall be
5 offered for reconveyance to such fair association; however,
6 the agency that last held a lease from the board for
7 management of such lands may remove from the lands any
8 improvements, fixtures, goods, wares, and merchandise within
9 180 days after the effective date of the reconveyance. This
10 subparagraph expires July 1, 2007.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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13 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
15 Senate Bill 1512

16 Provides that the agency that last had a lease for the land at
17 issue may remove from the land any improvements, fixtures,
18 goods, wares, and merchandise within 180 days after the
19 effective date of the reconveyance.
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