

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to surplus state lands; amending s.
 3 253.034, F.S.; providing for reconveyance of certain state
 4 lands to certain fair associations at no cost under
 5 certain circumstances; providing for expiration; providing
 6 an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (6) of section
 11 253.034, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 253.034 State-owned lands; uses.--

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

26 (f)1. In reviewing lands owned by the board, the council
 27 shall consider whether such lands would be more appropriately
 28 owned or managed by the county or other unit of local government

29 | in which the land is located. The council shall recommend to the
30 | board whether a sale, lease, or other conveyance to a local
31 | government would be in the best interests of the state and local
32 | government. The provisions of this paragraph in no way limit the
33 | provisions of ss. 253.111 and 253.115. Such lands shall be
34 | offered to the state, county, or local government for a period
35 | of 30 days. Permittable uses for such surplus lands may include
36 | public schools; public libraries; fire or law enforcement
37 | substations; and governmental, judicial, or recreational
38 | centers. County or local government requests for surplus lands
39 | shall be expedited throughout the surplus process. If the
40 | county or local government does not elect to purchase such lands
41 | in accordance with s. 253.111, then any surplus determination
42 | involving other governmental agencies shall be made upon the
43 | board deciding the best public use of the lands. Surplus
44 | properties in which governmental agencies have expressed no
45 | interest shall then be available for sale on the private market.

46 | 2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., any surplus lands that
47 | were acquired by the state prior to 1958 by a gift or other
48 | conveyance for no consideration from a municipality, and which
49 | the department has filed by July 1, 2006, a notice of its intent
50 | to surplus, shall be first offered for reconveyance to such
51 | municipality at no cost, but for the fair market value of any
52 | building or other improvements to the land, unless otherwise
53 | provided in a deed restriction of record. This subparagraph
54 | expires July 1, 2006.

55 | 3. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., any parcel of surplus
56 | lands less than 3 acres in size that was acquired by the state

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57 prior to 1955 by gift or other conveyance for no consideration
58 from a fair association incorporated under chapter 616 for the
59 purpose of conducting and operating public fairs or expositions,
60 and for which the department has filed by July 1, 2007, a notice
61 of intent to surplus, shall be offered for reconveyance to such
62 fair association at no cost. This subparagraph expires July 1,
63 2007.

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