

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; authorizing certain agencies to
6 remove certain improvements, fixtures, goods, wares, and
7 merchandise from such lands within a time certain after
8 reconveyance; providing for expiration; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (6) of section
14 253.034, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 253.034 State-owned lands; uses.--

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

27 | dispose of them by an affirmative vote of at least three
28 | members.

29 | (f)1. In reviewing lands owned by the board, the council
30 | shall consider whether such lands would be more appropriately
31 | owned or managed by the county or other unit of local government
32 | in which the land is located. The council shall recommend to the
33 | board whether a sale, lease, or other conveyance to a local
34 | government would be in the best interests of the state and local
35 | government. The provisions of this paragraph in no way limit the
36 | provisions of ss. 253.111 and 253.115. Such lands shall be
37 | offered to the state, county, or local government for a period
38 | of 30 days. Permittable uses for such surplus lands may include
39 | public schools; public libraries; fire or law enforcement
40 | substations; and governmental, judicial, or recreational
41 | centers. County or local government requests for surplus lands
42 | shall be expedited throughout the surplus process. If the
43 | county or local government does not elect to purchase such lands
44 | in accordance with s. 253.111, then any surplus determination
45 | involving other governmental agencies shall be made upon the
46 | board deciding the best public use of the lands. Surplus
47 | properties in which governmental agencies have expressed no
48 | interest shall then be available for sale on the private market.

49 | 2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., any surplus lands that
50 | were acquired by the state prior to 1958 by a gift or other
51 | conveyance for no consideration from a municipality, and which
52 | the department has filed by July 1, 2006, a notice of its intent
53 | to surplus, shall be first offered for reconveyance to such

54 municipality at no cost, but for the fair market value of any
55 building or other improvements to the land, unless otherwise
56 provided in a deed restriction of record. This subparagraph
57 expires July 1, 2006.

58 3. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., any parcel of surplus
59 lands less than 3 acres in size that was acquired by the state
60 prior to 1955 by gift or other conveyance for no consideration
61 from a fair association incorporated under chapter 616 for the
62 purpose of conducting and operating public fairs or expositions,
63 and for which the department has filed by July 1, 2007, a notice
64 of intent to surplus, shall be offered for reconveyance to such
65 fair association; however, the agency that last held a lease
66 from the board for management of such lands may remove from the
67 lands any improvements, fixtures, goods, wares, and merchandise
68 within 180 days after the effective date of the reconveyance.
69 This subparagraph expires July 1, 2007.

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