

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 surplused. 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; governmental, judicial, or recreational centers;
41 and affordable housing meeting the criteria of s. 420.0004(3).
42 County or local government requests for surplus lands shall be
43 expedited throughout the surplusing process. If the county or
44 local government does not elect to purchase such lands in
45 accordance with s. 253.111, then any surplusing determination
46 involving other governmental agencies shall be made upon the
47 board deciding the best public use of the lands. Surplus
48 properties in which governmental agencies have expressed no
49 interest shall then be available for sale on the private market.

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

57 provided in a deed restriction of record. This subparagraph
58 expires July 1, 2006.

59 3. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., any parcel of surplus
60 lands less than 3 acres in size that was acquired by the state
61 prior to 1955 by gift or other conveyance for no consideration
62 from a fair association incorporated under chapter 616 for the
63 purpose of conducting and operating public fairs or expositions,
64 and for which the department has filed by July 1, 2008, a notice
65 of intent to surplus, shall be offered for reconveyance to such
66 fair association for no consideration; however, the agency that
67 last held a lease from the board for management of such lands
68 may remove from the lands any improvements, fixtures, goods,
69 wares, and merchandise within 180 days after the effective date
70 of the reconveyance. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2008.

71 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.