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Senators Baker and Dockery moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 8, between lines 16 and 17,

and insert:

Section 6. Subsection (13) of section 259.1053, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

259.1053 Babcock Ranch Preserve; Babcock Ranch, Inc.; creation; membership; organization; meetings.--

(13) MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.--

(a) Except for the powers of the commissioner provided in this section, and the powers of the commission provided in s. 9, Art. IV of the State Constitution, the preserve shall be managed by Babcock Ranch, Inc.

(b) Officers and employees of Babcock Ranch, Inc., are private employees. At the request of the board of directors, the commission and the department may provide state employees for the purpose of implementing this section. Any state employees provided to assist the directors in implementing this section for more than 30 days shall be provided on a

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1 reimbursable basis. Reimbursement to the commission and the
 2 department shall be made from the corporation's operating fund
 3 provided under this section and not from any funds
 4 appropriated to the corporation by the Legislature.

5 (c) Notwithstanding the prohibition or restrictions
 6 contained in the management agreement, areas of the ranch
 7 historically used for tenant farming may continue to be leased
 8 out by Babcock Ranch Management, LLC. Such leases, extensions
 9 or renewal periods shall be for a term of not less than one
 10 year or more than four years, and shall not exceed the total
 11 amount of acreage covered by the tenant leases in existence on
 12 July 31, 2006.

13 (d) Until the management plan developed pursuant to s.
 14 253.034 and s. 259.032, is adopted, hunting for the purposes
 15 of reasonable wildlife population and habitat management shall
 16 be allowed on the preserve. Such purposes shall include
 17 prevention of overgrazing, disease, and overpopulation. All
 18 hunting shall be conducted pursuant to the rules and
 19 regulations of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation
 20 Commission; however, Babcock Ranch Management, LLC., shall
 21 have the authority to charge reasonable access fees to the
 22 general public. Special opportunity hunts for persons with
 23 disabilities and those under 18 years of age shall be a
 24 priority. Until the management plan required by the
 25 management agreement is adopted, hunting for the purposes of
 26 reasonable wildlife population and habitat management shall be
 27 equivalent in purpose to any other recreational use on the
 28 preserve.

29 (e) The provisions of paragraphs (c) and (d) shall be
 30 contingent upon Babcock Ranch Management, LLC., meeting the
 31 requirements of s. 259.1053(11)(d). The Board of Trustees

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1 shall order an audit pursuant to section 27, part V of the
2 management agreement.

3 (f) For the purposes of paragraphs (c) and (d) the
4 management agreement is that document attached as Exhibit "E"
5 to that certain agreement for sale and purchase approved by
6 the Board of Trustees on November 22, 2005, and by Lee County
7 on November 20, 2005

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9 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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13 And the title is amended as follows:

14 On page 1, line 20, after the semicolon

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16 and insert:

17 amending s.259.1053; extending leases;

18 providing for hunting; providing conditions;

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