

By the Committee on General Government Appropriations; and  
Senator Margolis

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to property leased for public purposes;  
3 amending s. 125.031, F.S.; exempting counties operating  
4 under a home rule charter from a 30-year lease limitation  
5 under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.  
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9 Section 1. Section 125.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
10 read:

11 125.031 Lease or lease-purchases of property for public  
12 purposes.--Counties may enter into leases or lease-purchase  
13 arrangements relating to properties needed for public purposes  
14 for periods not to exceed 30 years at a stipulated rental to be  
15 paid from current or other legally available funds and may make  
16 all other contracts or agreements necessary or convenient to  
17 carry out such objective. The county shall have the right to  
18 enter into such leases or lease-purchase arrangements with  
19 private individuals, other governmental agencies, or  
20 corporations. When the term of such lease is for longer than 60  
21 months, the rental shall be payable only from funds arising from  
22 sources other than ad valorem taxation. Such leases or lease-  
23 purchase arrangements shall be subject to approval by the board  
24 of county commissioners, and no such lease or lease-purchase  
25 contract shall be entered into without said approval.

26 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a lease  
27 entered into by a county, as defined in s. 125.011(1), with the  
28 state or another governmental entity or authorized under the  
29 provisions of s. 125.01 is not subject to the 30-year lease term

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30 limitation of this section.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.