

By Senator Constantine

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to state lands; amending s. 253.01,  
3           F.S.; deleting obsolete provisions; providing an  
4           effective date.

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

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8           Section 1. Section 253.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
9 read:

10           253.01 Internal Improvement Trust Fund established.—

11           (1) (a) So much of the 500,000 acres of land granted to this  
12 state for internal improvement purposes by an Act of Congress  
13 passed March 3, A. D. 1845, as remains unsold, and the proceeds  
14 of the sales of such lands heretofore sold as now remain on hand  
15 and unappropriated, and all proceeds that may hereafter accrue  
16 from the sales of such lands; and all the swampland or lands  
17 subject to overflow granted this state by an Act of Congress  
18 approved September 28, A. D. 1850, together with all the  
19 proceeds that have accrued or may hereafter accrue to the state  
20 from the sale of such lands, are set apart, and declared a  
21 separate and distinct fund called the Internal Improvement Trust  
22 Fund of the state, and are to be strictly applied according to  
23 the provisions of this chapter.

24           (b) All revenues received from application fees charged by  
25 the Division of State Lands for the use in any manner, lease,  
26 conveyance, or release of any interest in or for the sale of  
27 state lands, except revenues from such fees charged by the  
28 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for aquaculture  
29 leases under ss. 253.71(2) and 597.010, must be deposited into

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30 the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. The fees charged by the  
31 division for reproduction of records relating to state lands  
32 must also be placed into the fund. Revenues received by the  
33 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for aquaculture  
34 leases under ss. 253.71(2) and 597.010 shall be deposited in the  
35 General Inspection Trust Fund of the Department of Agriculture  
36 and Consumer Services.

37 (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary,  
38 if title to any state-owned lands is vested in the Board of  
39 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund and the lands  
40 are located within the Everglades Agricultural Area, then all  
41 proceeds from the sale of any such lands shall be deposited into  
42 the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. The provisions of this  
43 paragraph shall not apply to those lands acquired pursuant to s.  
44 607.0505 and former s. 620.192 or chapter 895.

45 (2) All revenues accruing from sources designated by law  
46 for deposit in the Internal Improvement Trust Fund shall be used  
47 for the acquisition, management, administration, protection, and  
48 conservation of state-owned lands.

49 ~~(3) In addition to the uses allowed in subsection (2) for~~  
50 ~~the 2008-2009 fiscal year, moneys in the Internal Improvement~~  
51 ~~Trust Fund are authorized for grants and aids to local~~  
52 ~~governments for the drinking water facility construction state~~  
53 ~~revolving loan program, as provided in the General~~  
54 ~~Appropriations Act. This subsection expires July 1, 2009.~~

55 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.