

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to water management district planning and
 3 budgeting; amending s. 373.089, F.S.; requiring the
 4 governing boards of water management districts to review
 5 lands to which the districts hold title and to make such
 6 lands available for purchase under certain conditions;
 7 requiring local government consent for the sale of certain
 8 lands; amending s. 373.536, F.S.; requiring approval by
 9 the Executive Office of the Governor for the transfer of
 10 funds within a water management district's final adopted
 11 budget; providing an effective date.

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

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 15 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 373.089, Florida
 16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 373.089 Sale or exchange of lands, or interests or rights
 18 in lands.—The governing board of the district may sell lands, or
 19 interests or rights in lands, to which the district has acquired
 20 title or to which it may hereafter acquire title in the
 21 following manner:

22 (5) (a) Every 5 years, the governing board of the district
 23 shall conduct a review of lands to which the district holds
 24 title and determine which lands are not necessary for water
 25 management or conservation purposes. Such lands shall be made
 26 available for purchase through the surplusings process in this
 27 section if the lands will be reentered onto the ad valorem tax
 28 roll of the county in which the land is located. Lands acquired

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29 with matching funds from a local government may not be made
30 available for purchase without the consent of the local
31 government.

32 (b) In any county having a population of 75,000 or fewer,
33 or a county having a population of 100,000 or fewer that is
34 contiguous to a county having a population of 75,000 or fewer,
35 in which more than 50 percent of the lands within the county
36 boundary are federal lands and lands titled in the name of the
37 state, a state agency, a water management district, or a local
38 government, those lands titled in the name of a water management
39 district which are not essential or necessary to meet
40 conservation purposes may, upon request of a public or private
41 entity, be made available for purchase through the surplusing
42 process in this section. Priority consideration must be given to
43 buyers, public or private, who are willing to return the
44 property to productive use so long as the property can be
45 reentered onto the county ad valorem tax roll. Property acquired
46 with matching funds from a local government shall not be made
47 available for purchase without the consent of the local
48 government.

49 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
50 373.536, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

51 373.536 District budget and hearing thereon.—

52 (4) BUDGET CONTROLS.—

53 (a) The final adopted budget for the district will
54 thereupon be the operating and fiscal guide for the district for
55 the ensuing year; however, if approved by the Executive Office
56 of the Governor, a transfer ~~transfers~~ of funds may be made

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57 | within the budget by action of the governing board at a public
58 | meeting of the governing board.

59 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.