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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to local government; amending s. 125.35, F.S.; authorizing a board of county commissioners to negotiate the lease of certain real property for a limited period; amending s. 337.29, F.S.; authorizing transfers of right-of-way between local governments by deed; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 125.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

125.35 County authorized to sell real and personal property and to lease real property.—

- (1) (a) The board of county commissioners is expressly authorized to sell and convey any real or personal property, and to lease real property, belonging to the county, whenever the board determines that it is to the best interest of the county to do so, to the highest and best bidder for the particular use the board deems to be the highest and best, for such length of term and such conditions as the governing body may in its discretion determine.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a), the board of county commissioners is expressly authorized, without undertaking the process required by paragraph (a), to:
 - 1. Negotiate the lease of an airport or seaport facility;
- 2. Negotiate the lease of real property, other than an airport or seaport facility, for a term not to exceed 5 years;

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3.2. Modify or extend an existing lease of real property for an additional term not to exceed 25 years, where the improved value of the lease has an appraised value in excess of \$20 million; or

 $\underline{4.3.}$ Lease a professional sports franchise facility financed by revenues received pursuant to s. 125.0104 or s. 212.20;

under such terms and conditions as negotiated by the board.

(c) A No sale of any real property may not shall be made unless notice thereof is published once a week for at least 2 weeks in some newspaper of general circulation published in the county, calling for bids for the purchase of the real estate so advertised to be sold. In the case of a sale, the bid of the highest bidder complying with the terms and conditions set forth in such notice shall be accepted, unless the board of county commissioners rejects all bids because they are too low. The board of county commissioners may require a deposit to be made or a surety bond to be given, in such form or in such amount as the board determines, with each bid submitted.

Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 337.29, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

337.29 Vesting of title to roads; liability for torts.-

(3) Title to all roads transferred in accordance with the provisions of s. 335.0415 shall be in the governmental entity to which such roads have been transferred, upon the recording of \underline{a} $\underline{deed\ or}\ a$ right-of-way map by the appropriate governmental entity in the public land records of the county or counties in

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which such rights-of-way are located. To the extent that sovereign immunity has been waived, liability for torts shall be in the governmental entity having operation and maintenance responsibility as provided in s. 335.0415. Except as otherwise provided by law, a municipality shall have the same governmental, corporate, and proprietary powers with relation to any public road or right-of-way within the municipality which has been transferred to another governmental entity pursuant to s. 335.0415 that the municipality has with relation to other public roads and rights-of-way within the municipality.

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

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