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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to surplus state-owned nonconservation
3 lands; amending s. 253.0341, F.S.; authorizing the
4 Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust
5 Fund to dispose of surplus nonconservation lands at
6 specified values under certain circumstances;
7 authorizing the board to donate such lands to fiscally
8 constrained counties under certain circumstances;
9 authorizing the board of trustees to sell or lease
10 surplus nonconservation lands located in fiscally
11 constrained counties to private entities under certain
12 circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

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16 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 253.0341, Florida
17 Statutes, is amended to read:

18 253.0341 Surplus of state-owned lands.—

19 (1) The board of trustees shall determine which lands, the
20 title to which is vested in the board, may be surplus.

21 (a) For all conservation lands, the Acquisition and
22 Restoration Council shall make a recommendation to the board of
23 trustees, and the board of trustees shall determine whether the
24 lands are no longer needed for conservation purposes. If the
25 board of trustees determines the lands are no longer needed for
26 conservation purposes, it may dispose of such lands by an
27 affirmative vote of at least three members. In the case of a
28 land exchange involving the disposition of conservation lands,
29 the board of trustees must determine by an affirmative vote of

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30 at least three members that the exchange will result in a net
31 positive conservation benefit.

32 (b) For all nonconservation lands, the board of trustees
33 shall determine whether the lands are no longer needed. If the
34 board of trustees determines the lands are no longer needed, it
35 may dispose of such lands at a value:

36 1. Not less than the sale price, as determined by
37 subsection (8), if agreed to by an affirmative vote of at least
38 three members; or

39 2. Less than the sale price, as determined by subsection
40 (8), if agreed to by an affirmative vote of four members. The
41 board may dispose of surplus nonconservation lands for less than
42 the sale price by:

43 a. Donating the land to a fiscally constrained county as
44 described in s. 218.67(1) for a public purpose; or

45 b. Selling or leasing such lands located in a fiscally
46 constrained county as described in s. 218.67(1) to a private
47 entity, if the use of the land is expected to create economic
48 development or new full-time jobs in such county.

49 (c) Local government requests for the state to surplus
50 conservation or nonconservation lands, whether for donation,
51 purchase, or exchange, shall be expedited throughout the
52 surplus process. Property jointly acquired by the state and
53 other entities may not be surplus without the consent of all
54 joint owners.

55 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.