

By the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; and
Senator Ausley

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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 under
6 certain circumstances; authorizing the board to convey
7 such lands to fiscally constrained counties under
8 certain circumstances; authorizing the board of
9 trustees to sell or lease surplus nonconservation
10 lands located in fiscally constrained counties to
11 private entities under certain circumstances;
12 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 surplusued.

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 by an affirmative vote of at least
36 three members.

37 (c) Surplus nonconservation lands in fiscally constrained
38 counties do not need to be initially offered for sale by
39 competitive bid pursuant to subsection (9) before acquisition by
40 the county or the private entity. For nonconservation lands
41 located within a fiscally constrained county as described in s.
42 218.67(1), the board of trustees may elect to:

43 1. Convey the nonconservation lands for less than appraised
44 value to the county, if the county will use the nonconservation
45 lands for a public purpose; or

46 2. Sell or lease the nonconservation lands for less than
47 appraised value to a private entity, if the private entity
48 prepares and submits an economic development plan to the board
49 of trustees identifying how its proposed use of the lands will
50 create new full-time employment opportunities or will otherwise
51 promote and enhance economic development in the county.

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

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