

Committee Substitute for
Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 668

An act relating to surplus state lands; amending s. 253.034, F.S.; providing for reconveyance of certain state lands to certain fair associations under specified circumstances; authorizing agencies last holding a lease of such lands to remove improvements, fixtures, goods, wares, and merchandise from such lands within a time certain after reconveyance; providing for expiration; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (6) of section 253.034, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

253.034 State-owned lands; uses.—

(6) The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund shall determine which lands, the title to which is vested in the board, may be surplus. For conservation lands, the board shall make a determination that the lands are no longer needed for conservation purposes and may dispose of them by an affirmative vote of at least three members. In the case of a land exchange involving the disposition of conservation lands, the board must determine by an affirmative vote of at least three members that the exchange will result in a net positive conservation benefit. For all other lands, the board shall make a determination that the lands are no longer needed and may dispose of them by an affirmative vote of at least three members.

(f)1. In reviewing lands owned by the board, the council shall consider whether such lands would be more appropriately owned or managed by the county or other unit of local government in which the land is located. The council shall recommend to the board whether a sale, lease, or other conveyance to a local government would be in the best interests of the state and local government. The provisions of this paragraph in no way limit the provisions of ss. 253.111 and 253.115. Such lands shall be offered to the state, county, or local government for a period of 30 days. Permissible uses for such surplus lands may include public schools; public libraries; fire or law enforcement substations; governmental, judicial, or recreational centers; and affordable housing meeting the criteria of s. 420.0004(3). County or local government requests for surplus lands shall be expedited throughout the surplus process. If the county or local government does not elect to purchase such lands in accordance with s. 253.111, then any surplus determination involving other governmental agencies shall be made upon the board deciding the best public use of the lands. Surplus properties in which governmental agencies have expressed no interest shall then be available for sale on the private market.

2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., any surplus lands that were acquired by the state prior to 1958 by a gift or other conveyance for no consid-

eration from a municipality, and which the department has filed by July 1, 2006, a notice of its intent to surplus, shall be first offered for reconveyance to such municipality at no cost, but for the fair market value of any building or other improvements to the land, unless otherwise provided in a deed restriction of record. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2006.

3. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1., any parcel of surplus lands less than 3 acres in size which was acquired by the state before 1955 by gift or other conveyance or for \$1 consideration from a fair association incorporated under chapter 616 for the purpose of conducting and operating public fairs or expositions, and concerning which the department has filed by July 1, 2008, a notice of intent to dispose of as surplus lands, shall be offered for reconveyance to such fair association for no consideration; however, the agency that last held the lease from the board for management of such lands may remove from the lands any improvements, fixtures, goods, wares, and merchandise within 180 days after the effective date of the reconveyance. This subparagraph expires July 1, 2008.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor June 15, 2007.

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