Florida House of Representatives - 2001 By Representative Spratt

A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to the Sebring Airport 3 Authority, Highlands County; amending s. 8, ch. 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended; 4 5 increasing the threshold for requiring bids for the purchase of property and services; amending б 7 s. 3, ch. 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended; 8 including additional property under the jurisdiction of the authority; amending s. 6, 9 ch. 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended; 10 11 providing additional powers and duties of the 12 authority; requiring the authority to maintain 13 confidentiality of records made confidential pursuant to general law; amending s. 4, ch. 14 15 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended; providing 16 that an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present at a meeting where there is a 17 18 quorum shall be necessary for any action by the board; providing an effective date. 19 20 21 WHEREAS, the Sebring Airport Authority owns and 22 operates an airport and industrial park in Highlands County, 23 and 24 WHEREAS, the threshold for requiring bids for the 25 purchase of property and services by the authority is 26 presently \$5,000, which is unreasonably restrictive, and 27 WHEREAS, the Authority has recently acquired additional 28 land, which should be included within the area over which it 29 exercises its power and jurisdiction, and 30 31 1

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1 WHEREAS, the Authority could better attract potential 2 tenants for its industrial park if it could maintain certain of their records confidential, as allowed by general law, and 3 4 WHEREAS, four members of the seven-member board 5 constitutes a quorum for meetings but the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire board is required for any action to 6 7 be taken, which means that a unanimous vote is required for 8 any action by the board at a meeting where the minimum quorum 9 is present, which is unnecessarily restrictive, NOW THEREFORE, 10 11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 12 13 Section 1. Section 8 of chapter 67-2070, Laws of 14 Florida, as amended by section 3 of chapter 89-484, Laws of 15 Florida, is amended to read: Section 8. No contract for the construction, repair, 16 or alteration or otherwise of any facility or part of the 17 same, or the purchase of equipment, services, or supplies 18 19 involving an expenditure of more than\$10,000 five thousand 20 dollars (\$5,000.00), shall be awarded let by the Authority 21 unless the Authority advertises for sealed bids at least once 22 a week for 2 two (2) consecutive weeks and such contract is awarded let to the lowest responsible bidder. However, 23 24 provided the Authority may hereunder created shall have the 25 authority to reject all bids. 26 Section 2. Subsection (a) of section 3 of chapter 27 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended by section 1 of chapter 28 95-526, Laws of Florida, is amended to read: 29 Section 3. (a) The Sebring Airport Authority shall 30 exercise its powers and jurisdiction over the property now 31

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1 known as "Sebring Air Terminal" and/or "Sebring Industrial Air 2 Park, " as follows: 3 4 The West Half (W1/2) of Section 4; All of 5 Section 5, less and except that portion of the North Half (N1/2) lying West of the canal and 6 7 the Railroad right-of-way spur; the Southeast 8 Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 6; All of Section 7, less 9 and except that portion of the West Half (W1/2)10 11 lying northerly of State Road No. 623 and West 12 of the canal; All of Section 8; the West Half 13 (W1/2) of Section 9; and that part of Section 14 18 lying North and West of the airport access 15 road, less and except the following land deeded 16 to the Humane Society generally described as being a 10-acre tract lying adjacent to the 17 westerly boundary of the Hendricks Field access 18 road and adjacent to and South of the north 19 20 boundary of Section 18, Township 35 South, 21 Range 30 East, more particularly described as 22 follows: Commencing as a point of beginning at the intersection of the westerly boundary of 23 24 Hendricks Field access road (said road being 100 feet in width, being 50 feet on either side 25 26 of said center line) with the North boundary of 27 Section 18, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, 28 Highlands County, Florida, thence South 29 89°01'45" West along the North boundary of Section 18 a distance of 505.70 feet to a 30 31 point, thence South 01°54'30" East a distance

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of 908.84 feet to a point, thence North 1 88°05'30" East a distance of 500.00 feet to a 2 3 point on the westerly boundary of Hendricks Field access road, thence North 01°54'30" West 4 5 along the westerly boundary of the Hendricks Field access road a distance of 718.68 feet to 6 7 a point of curve, thence along a curve to the 8 right having a radius of 2,914.79 feet an arc 9 distance of 181.32 feet to the point of 10 beginning. 11 12 All of the above described land lying in 13 Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands 14 County, Florida. 15 16 All of that property now owned by the City of Sebring and known as Sebring Air Terminal shall be gratuitously 17 transferred and conveyed to the Sebring Airport Authority, 18 19 subject to any reservations or restrictions of record or 20 existing leases, and subject to the restriction that none of 21 said property may be sold at any time without the consent of 22 the City of Sebring. 23 24 The Sebring Airport Authority shall also exercise its 25 powers and jurisdiction over the following property, subject 26 to the power and authority of the Spring Lake Improvement 27 District, Spring Lake Property Association, Inc., county 28 zoning, and other restrictions: 29 30 All of Parcel C, SPRING LAKE VILLAGE IV, 31 according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat 4

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1 Book 9, Page 75 of the Public Records of 2 Highlands County. Section 3. Subsection (o) is added to section 6 of 3 4 chapter 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended by section 2 of 5 chapter 89-484, Laws of Florida, and section 2 of chapter б 95-526, Laws of Florida, to read: 7 Section 6. The Sebring Airport Authority is hereby 8 authorized and empowered: 9 (o) To promote the general business interest and industrial interest of the City of Sebring and Highlands 10 11 County and operate under the terms of section 288.075, Florida 12 Statutes, and to maintain the confidentiality and exemption 13 from disclosure of records made confidential and exempt from disclosure by that statute. 14 15 Section 4. Section 4 of chapter 67-2070, Laws of Florida, as amended by section 1 of chapter 82-382 and section 16 1 of chapter 89-484, Laws of Florida, is amended to read: 17 Section 4. The Sebring Airport Authority shall be 18 19 governed by a board of seven (7) members, known as Sebring 20 Airport Authority Board. The initial members of the said board 21 shall be appointed by the City Council of the City of Sebring 22 for staggered terms as follows: Two (2) members to be appointed for a term to expire on the first Tuesday after the 23 first Monday in January, 1968; two (2) members to be appointed 24 for a term to expire on the first Tuesday after the first 25 26 Monday in January, 1969; two (2) members to be appointed for a 27 term to expire on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in 28 January, 1970; and the other member to be appointed for a term 29 to expire on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January, 1971. At the expiration of each term a successor 30 31 shall be appointed to fill such vacancies for a term of four

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(4) years. Vacancies in office shall be filled by appointment 1 2 of said City Council for the remainder of the unexpired term. 3 All such appointments after the initial ones provided for in this Act shall be selected by the City Council from a list 4 5 containing at least twice as many nominees as vacancies. At least four (4) members of the board shall be qualified 6 7 electors of the City of Sebring. Should the said City Council 8 be unable by a majority vote to select a successor from the original list submitted to them by said board, the said board 9 shall submit to said City Council an additional list 10 11 containing at least twice as many nominees as vacancies. Upon 12 the reconsideration, the City Council may select from the 13 initial or replacement list. The original list shall be 14 submitted to said City Council within ten (10) days from the expiration of the term of any member of said Authority, and 15 16 within twenty (20) days from the resignation, death or removal for cause of any member of said Authority. During any vacancy 17 or vacancies for any reason or reasons, the remaining members 18 19 of said board shall constitute said board with full power and 20 authority to act as though there was no vacancy in the membership of said board. Members shall receive such 21 22 compensation for their services and reimbursement for verified travel and other expenses as shall be provided for by 23 resolution of said board. Four (4) members shall constitute a 24 quorum for meetings and an affirmative vote of a majority of 25 26 the members present shall be necessary for any action taken by 27 the Authority. There is hereby created an interim term 28 commencing at the expiration of the term of each board member 29 serving on July 1, 1989, and ending on the thirtieth day of April of the respective calendar year. Said interim term shall 30 31 be filled by appointment by the City Council as herein

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provided. Successive four (4) year terms shall begin on the first day of May of the respective year. Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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