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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to marketable record title; amending s. 3 712.03, F.S.; revising the exceptions to marketability by 4 including any right, title, or interest held by the Board 5 of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, any 6 water management district, or the United States; amending 7 s. 712.04, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by 8 the act; amending s. 712.06, F.S.; providing requirements 9 for a recorded notice to preserve a claim of right; 10 providing an effective date. 11 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 13 14 Section 1. Subsection (9) is added to section 712.03, 15 Florida Statutes, to read: 16 712.03 Exceptions to marketability.-Such marketable record 17 title shall not affect or extinguish the following rights: (9) Any right, title, or interest held by the Board of 18 19 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, any water 20 management district created under chapter 373, or the United 21 States. 22 Section 2. Section 712.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to 23 read: 24 Interests extinguished by marketable record title.-712.04 Subject to the matters stated in s. 712.03, a such marketable 25 26 record title is shall be free and clear of all estates, 27 interests, claims, or charges whatsoever, the existence of which 28 depends upon any act, title transaction, event, or omission that Page 1 of 3

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29 occurred before prior to the effective date of the root of 30 title. Except as provided in s. 712.03, all such estates, 31 interests, claims, or charges, however denominated, whether they 32 such estates, interests, claims, or charges are or appear to be 33 held or asserted by a person sui juris or under a disability, 34 whether such person is within or without the state, whether such 35 person is natural or corporate, or is private or governmental, 36 are hereby declared to be null and void. However, except that this chapter does shall not be deemed to affect any right, 37 38 title, or interest of the United States, Florida, or any of its 39 officers, boards, commissions, or other agencies reserved in the patent or deed by which the United States, Florida, or any of 40 41 its agencies parted with title.

42 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 712.06, Florida43 Statutes, is amended to read:

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712.06 Contents of notice; recording and indexing.-

45 (3) <u>The person providing the notice referred to in s.</u>
46 <u>712.05 shall:</u>

47 Cause the clerk of the circuit court to shall, upon (a) such filing, mail by registered or certified mail to the 48 49 purported owner of said property, as stated in such notice, a 50 copy thereof and shall enter on the original, before recording 51 the same, a certificate showing such mailing. For preparing the 52 certificate, the claimant shall pay to the clerk the service charge as prescribed in s. 28.24(8) and the necessary costs of 53 54 mailing, in addition to the recording charges as prescribed in 55 s. 28.24(12). If the notice names purported owners having more than one address, the person filing the same shall furnish a 56

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57 true copy for each of the several addresses stated, and the 58 clerk shall send one such copy to the purported owners named at 59 each respective address. Such certificate shall be sufficient if 60 the same reads substantially as follows:

I hereby certify that I did on this ____, mail by registered (or certified) mail a copy of the foregoing notice to each of the following at the address stated:

66 ... (Clerk of the circuit court) ...

67 of _____ County, Florida,

68 By ... (Deputy clerk) ...

The clerk of the circuit court is not required to mail to the purported owner of such property any such notice that pertains solely to the preserving of any covenant or restriction or any portion of a covenant or restriction; or

74 (b) Publish once a week, for 2 consecutive weeks, the 75 notice referred to in s. 712.05, with the official record book 76 and page number in which such notice was recorded, in a 77 newspaper as defined in chapter 50 in the county in which the 78 property is located.

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Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

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