

By Senator Hays

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the purchase of land by a
3 governmental entity; limiting the state, a county, or
4 a municipality's ability to purchase land for
5 conservation purposes; providing criteria; providing
6 an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. The state may purchase land for conservation
11 purposes only if:

12 (1) An accurate inventory, not more than 1 year old, of
13 government-owned property is made public;

14 (2) Sufficient funds are approved in the state's annual
15 budget for the maintenance of existing properties;

16 (3) An analysis by the state describing the annual cost of
17 maintenance of the proposed land purchase is completed; and

18 (4) An equal amount of public property not being held in
19 conservation is returned or sold at fair market value to the
20 private sector.

21 Section 2. A county may purchase land for conservation
22 purposes only if:

23 (1) An accurate inventory, not more than 1 year old, of
24 government-owned property is made public;

25 (2) Sufficient funds are approved in the county's annual
26 budget for the maintenance of existing properties;

27 (3) An analysis by the county describing the annual cost of
28 maintenance of the proposed land purchase is completed; and

29 (4) An equal amount of public property not being held in

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30 conservation is returned or sold at fair market value to the
31 private sector.

32 Section 3. A municipality may purchase land for
33 conservation purposes only if:

34 (1) An accurate inventory not more than 1 year old, of
35 government-owned property is made public;

36 (2) Sufficient funds are approved in the municipality's
37 annual budget for the maintenance of existing properties;

38 (3) An analysis by the municipality describing the annual
39 cost of maintenance of the proposed land purchase is completed;
40 and

41 (4) An equal amount of public property not being held in
42 conservation is returned or sold at fair market value to the
43 private sector.

44 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.