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The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation
(Simpson) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 462 and 463

insert:

Section 4. Subsection (8) is added to section 373.089,
Florida Statutes, to read:

373.089 Sale or exchange of lands, or interests or rights
in lands.—The governing board of the district may sell lands, or
interests or rights in lands, to which the district has acquired
title or to which it may hereafter acquire title in the



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11 following manner:

12 (8) If a parcel of land is no longer essential or necessary
13 for conservation purposes and is valued at \$25,000 or less as
14 determined by a certified appraisal obtained within 360 days
15 before any sale, the governing board may sell the lot to an
16 adjacent property owner. Notwithstanding the successive
17 publishing requirements in subsection (3), a water management
18 district must cause a notice of intention to sell to be
19 published no more than 45 days prior to sale, send notice of its
20 intention to sell the parcel to adjacent property owners by
21 certified mail, and post the notice of sale on its website. The
22 governing board may close the sale of the parcel without
23 receiving bids after 14 days from such publication. If, within
24 14 days after such publication, two or more owners of adjacent
25 properties notify the water management district of their desire
26 to purchase the parcel, the water management district shall
27 accept sealed bids from such property owners and may sell such
28 parcel to the highest bidder or reject all offers. The water
29 management district may include a restriction on the future use
30 of such parcel as a term and condition of the sale.

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33 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

34 And the title is amended as follows:

35 Delete line 45

36 and insert:

37 Recreation Lands list; amending s. 373.089, F.S.;

38 revising the procedures a water management district

39 must follow for publishing notice of intention to sell



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40 parcels no longer essential or necessary for
41 conservation purposes and valued below a certain
42 threshold; providing that such parcels may be sold
43 directly to the highest bidder; authorizing districts
44 to include restrictions on future use of such parcels
45 sold; directing the department to