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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to fiscal management of water management
 3 districts; amending s. 373.089, F.S.; requiring water
 4 management districts to review lands to which the
 5 districts hold title and sell such lands under certain
 6 circumstances; amending s. 373.536, F.S.; requiring
 7 approval of the Executive Office of the Governor prior to
 8 budget transfers by a water management district; providing
 9 an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 373.089, Florida
 14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 373.089 Sale or exchange of lands, or interests or rights
 16 in lands.—The governing board of the district may sell lands, or
 17 interests or rights in lands, to which the district has acquired
 18 title or to which it may hereafter acquire title in the
 19 following manner:

20 (5) (a) Every five years, the governing board of the
 21 district shall conduct a review of lands to which the district
 22 holds title and determine which lands are not necessary for
 23 water management or conservation purposes. Such lands shall be
 24 made available for purchase in accordance with the surplus
 25 process provided in this section if the lands will be placed on
 26 the ad valorem tax roll of the county in which the land is
 27 located. Lands acquired with matching funds from a local
 28 government shall not be made available for purchase without the

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29 consent of the local government.

30 (b) In any county having a population of 75,000 or fewer,
 31 or a county having a population of 100,000 or fewer that is
 32 contiguous to a county having a population of 75,000 or fewer,
 33 in which more than 50 percent of the lands within the county
 34 boundary are federal lands and lands titled in the name of the
 35 state, a state agency, a water management district, or a local
 36 government, those lands titled in the name of a water management
 37 district which are not essential or necessary to meet
 38 conservation purposes may, upon request of a public or private
 39 entity, be made available for purchase through the surplusizing
 40 process in this section. Priority consideration must be given to
 41 buyers, public or private, who are willing to return the
 42 property to productive use so long as the property can be
 43 reentered onto the county ad valorem tax roll. Property acquired
 44 with matching funds from a local government shall not be made
 45 available for purchase without the consent of the local
 46 government.

47 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
 48 373.536, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

49 373.536 District budget and hearing thereon.—

50 (4) BUDGET CONTROLS.—

51 (a) The final adopted budget for the district will
 52 thereupon be the operating and fiscal guide for the district for
 53 the ensuing year; however, if approved by the Executive Office
 54 of the Governor, a transfer ~~transfers~~ of funds may be made
 55 within the budget by action of the governing board at a public
 56 meeting of the governing board.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.