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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8
9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE SALE AND PURCHASE PROCEDURE FOR
10 PUBLIC PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND THE SALE AND PURCHASE PROCEDURE
15 FOR PUBLIC PROPERTY.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(a), concerning the sale procedure
20 for public property, is amended to read as follows:

21 (a)(1)(A) ~~The several state boards or commissions having supervision~~
22 ~~of the affairs of the charitable, penal, correctional, educational, and other~~
23 ~~institutions of the State of Arkansas and all other state boards and~~
24 ~~commissions, except the State Highway Commission, the Arkansas State Game and~~
25 ~~Fish Commission, the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, the State Parks,~~
26 ~~Recreation, and Travel Commission, the Division of Higher Education, and~~
27 ~~institutions of higher education, and the executive heads of all state~~
28 offices, departments, divisions, and agencies, all referred to separately as
29 “state agency”, may sell or purchase, for cash in hand and upon compliance
30 with the provisions of this section, the lands, in whole or in part,
31 belonging to or under the supervision or control of the respective state
32 agency or belonging to the state and held for the use or benefit of the state
33 agency.

34 (B) State agencies may purchase lands, so that the lands,
35 in whole or in part, shall belong to or be under the supervision or control
36 of the respective state agency or belong to the state and be held for the use



1 or benefit of the state agency.

2 (2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

3 (A) The sale of land by the Commissioner of State Lands;

4 (B) The transfer of state lands to political subdivisions
5 of the State of Arkansas;

6 (C) The transfer of state lands between state entities; ~~or~~

7 (D) The exchange of state lands for other lands which are
8 suitable for state purposes if the Secretary of the Department of Finance and
9 Administration has made a recommendation to the Governor that the exchange be
10 made and if the Governor has approved the exchange;

11 (E) The State Highway Commission;

12 (F) The Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission;

13 (G) The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission;

14 (H) The State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission;

15 (I) The Division of Higher Education; or

16 (J) An institution of higher education.

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18 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(c)(1), concerning the sale
19 procedure for public property, is amended to read as follows:

20 (c)(1) In the event that a state agency elects to sell ~~certain~~ any of
21 its lands or to purchase lands, the state agency shall ~~certify~~ submit its
22 proposal for the sale or purchase of land to the Building Authority Division
23 ~~its proposal for any sale or purchase~~ for approval before obtaining an
24 appraisal of the land.

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26 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(c)(2)(A), concerning the sale
27 procedure for public property, is amended to read as follows:

28 (2)(A) ~~The~~ If a proposal for the sale or purchase of land
29 submitted under subdivision (c)(1) of this section is approved by the
30 Building Authority Division, the state agency proposing the sale or purchase
31 of land shall obtain the services of a qualified appraiser to appraise the
32 lands so proposed to be sold or purchased, ~~with notice to the Secretary of~~
33 ~~the Department of Transformation and Shared Services.~~

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35 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(c), concerning the sale procedure
36 for public property, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as

1 follows:

2 (3) A state agency proposing the sale or purchase of land shall
3 submit the appraisal obtained under this section to the Building Authority
4 Division for assessment and recommendation to the Secretary of the Department
5 of Transformation and Shared Services.

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7 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(k) and (l), concerning the sale
8 procedure for public property, are amended to read as follows:

9 (k)(1) Before any state agency may receive donated land, the state
10 agency director shall certify the proposed donation request to the Building
11 Authority Division.

12 (2) The Secretary of the Department of Transformation and Shared
13 Services shall forward a recommendation to the Governor.

14 (3) No donation shall be ~~made~~ accepted without approval from the
15 Governor.

16 (l) Before a state agency purchases real property, the state agency
17 shall consult the ~~Arkansas Buildings & Sites Database maintained by the~~
18 ~~Arkansas Economic Development Commission~~ Building Authority Division to
19 determine if there is a property available for purchase that meets the
20 practical and financial needs and specifications of the state agency.

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