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H. R. 1452

To authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2015

Mr. MILLER of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.**

4 (a) CONVEYANCE FREE OF RESTRICTIONS.—Not-
5 withstanding the restrictions on conveyance of property lo-
6 cated on Santa Rosa Island, Florida, contained in the Act
7 of July 30, 1946 (chapter 699; 70 Stat. 712), and the
8 deed to the property from the United States to Escambia

1 County, Florida, dated January 15, 1947, Escambia
2 County may, at its discretion, convey or otherwise dispose
3 of all of its right, title, and interest (in whole or in part),
4 in and to any portion of the property that was conveyed
5 to it pursuant to that Act and deed, to any person or enti-
6 ty, free from any restriction on conveyance or reconvey-
7 ance imposed by the United States in that Act or deed.
8 Any conveyance under this subsection shall be subject to
9 the conditions set forth in subsection (c).

10 (b) LEASEHOLD INTERESTS.—No person or entity
11 holding a leasehold interest in the property as of the date
12 of the enactment of this Act shall be required to involun-
13 tarily accept a fee interest in lieu of their leasehold inter-
14 est in the property.

15 (c) CONDITIONS.—Any conveyance under subsection
16 (a) shall be subject to the following conditions:

17 (1) Not later than two calendar years after the
18 date of the enactment of this Act, Escambia County
19 shall convey to Santa Rosa County all right, title,
20 and interest held in and to any portion of the prop-
21 erty that was conveyed to Escambia County under
22 the Act and deed that fall in the jurisdictional
23 boundaries of Santa Rosa County, Florida. The con-
24 veyance by Escambia County to Santa Rosa County
25 shall be absolute and shall terminate any subjugation

1 tion of Santa Rosa County to Escambia County or
2 any regulation of Santa Rosa County by Escambia
3 County. Santa Rosa County shall not be required to
4 pay any sum for the subject property other than ac-
5 tual costs associated with the conveyance.

6 (2) Santa Rosa County or any other person to
7 which property is conveyed under this Act may re-
8 convey property, or any portion of property, con-
9 veyed to it under this section.

10 (3) For all properties defined under subsection
11 (a) the leaseholders, or owners are free to pursue in-
12 corporation, annexation, or any other governmental
13 status so long as all other legal conditions required
14 for doing so are followed.

15 (4) Each property defined under subsection (a)
16 is under the jurisdiction of the county and any other
17 local government entity in which the property is lo-
18 cated.

19 (5) Any proceeds from the conveyance of any
20 property defined under subsection (a) by Escambia
21 County or Santa Rosa County, other than direct and
22 incidental costs associated with such conveyance,
23 shall be considered windfall profits and shall revert
24 to the United States.

1 (6) Escambia County and Santa Rosa County
2 shall in perpetuity preserve those areas on Santa
3 Rosa Island currently dedicated to conservation,
4 preservation, public, recreation, access and public
5 parking in accordance with resolutions heretofore
6 adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of
7 each respective county.

8 (d) DETERMINATION OF COMPLIANCE.—Escambia
9 County and Santa Rosa County shall have no deadline or
10 requirement to make any conveyance or reconveyance of
11 any property defined under subsection (a) other than the
12 conveyance required under subsection (c)(1). Each county
13 may establish terms for conveyance or reconveyance, sub-
14 ject to the conditions set forth in this Act and applicable
15 State law.

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