

Legislative Analysis



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Senate Bill 969

Sponsor: Sen. Shirley Johnson

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SUMMARY OF SENATE BILL 969 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE 3-15-06

The bill authorizes the conveyance or exchange of state-owned property in Lansing and Blackman Township (Jackson County).

The Lansing property is located on the downtown campus of Lansing Community College and is known as the Carnegie Library property. In 1963 this property was conveyed to the Lansing School District by the state which contained a reverter clause that the property had to be used for educational purposes. Subsequently, the LSD conveyed the property to LCC with the same reverter. This bill removes the 'educational purposes' reverter and conveys this property to LCC for \$1.00 so that bonds may be authorized to remodel and enlarge the library.

Public Act 197 of 2005 provides cost and construction authorizations for a partially state funded project at this site. The state financing will be provided through the issuance of State Building Authority bonds. In order to issue the long term debt, the SBA must be able to secure a clean title to the property. This bill ensures that.

In the Blackman Township issue, PA 671 of 2002 allowed for the fair exchange of property between the state and private property owners along the Grand River. These needed to occur within 5 years of the act's effective date. This bill reinstates the conveyance authorization and provides a new expiration date of 10 years after the effective date of this act.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The state will receive \$1.00 from Lansing Community College; the Blackman Township properties are intended to be equal value exchanges.

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