

CHAPTER NO. 864

SENATE BILL NO. 2524

By Ramsey

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2642

By Bittle, Curtiss

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-401, to permit purchase of lands located in Morgan, Scott, Anderson and Campbell counties known as the "International Paper Company Properties" including lands adjacent thereto.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-14-401, is amended by adding a new subsection designated as "(e)" which shall read as follows:

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this part, Section 67-4-409 or any other law to the contrary, the Executive Director of the Wildlife Resources Agency is authorized to make expenditures from the 1986 wetland acquisition fund for the purpose of acquiring certain upland hardwood forests which are located within Scott, Campbell, Morgan and Anderson counties known as "International Paper Company Properties" including lands adjacent thereto.

SECTION 2. The Executive Director of the Wildlife Resources Agency in developing plans for managing the lands known as the "International Paper Company Properties" including lands adjacent thereto is encouraged to address the concerns contained in a resolution adopted by the Anderson County Commission in May, 2002, suggesting maximizing the benefits to reach the largest number of users, local and otherwise, through inclusion of programs designed to accommodate more diverse groups than those traditionally considered in connection with wildlife management areas. Further, the Executive Director and the partners in acquisition of these lands, are encouraged to work with local governments to consider making portions of the lands available for local purposes if the need arises.

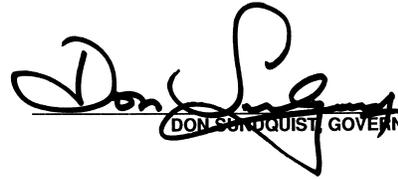
SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: July 4, 2002


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17th day of July 2002


DON S. QUIGLEY, GOVERNOR