

REFERENCE TITLE: state land; commissioner-initiated sales

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# HB 2351

Introduced by  
Representative Diaz

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 37-233, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE SALE OF  
STATE LANDS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 37-233, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 37-233. Sale of state lands; restriction on sale of timber  
5 land; expense of sale; rules

6 A. On receiving an application, or on the commissioner's  
7 initiative, the ~~state land~~ department, under the rules of the department,  
8 may cause state lands to be sold if the sale of them is not prohibited by  
9 law.

10 B. Land containing timber of a value which in the opinion of the  
11 commissioner should be sold separately from the land shall not be subject  
12 to sale until after the timber is sold.

13 C. When an application is filed with the department for selection  
14 or sale of land under the laws of this state, and the department  
15 determines that the benefit to be derived from the selection or sale is  
16 less than the expense involved, the commissioner may accept from the  
17 applicant an amount of money sufficient to pay the expense incidental to  
18 the selection or sale. If the applicant fails to secure a lease after  
19 selection of land, or fails to purchase land after bidding for it, the  
20 successful lessee or purchaser shall reimburse the original applicant for  
21 all funds so advanced.

22 D. RULES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION SHALL  
23 ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA THAT THE COMMISSIONER MUST USE FOR  
24 DETERMINING WHETHER TO INITIATE THE SALE OF STATE LANDS BY THE  
25 COMMISSIONER'S OWN INITIATIVE.