

# SENATE BILL No. 278

April 5, 1989, Introduced by Senator MACK and referred  
to the Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental  
Affairs.

A bill to create the state land consolidation trust fund;  
and to prescribe certain powers and duties of the department of  
natural resources.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Department" means the department of natural resources.

3       (b) "Fund" means the state land consolidation trust fund  
4 created in section 3.

5       (c) "Person" means an individual, partnership, association,  
6 corporation, or other legal entity.

7       (d) "Undivided interest" means the undivided interest of a  
8 co-owner in land owned by co-owners as tenants in common.

9       Sec. 2. (1) The department may sell an undivided interest  
10 in land, which interest is owned by the state and controlled by  
11 the department, to a person who owns an undivided interest in the

1 land equal to 50% or more of all undivided interests in the  
2 land.

3       (2) The department may, to the extent of the money available  
4 in the fund, purchase additional undivided interests in land in  
5 which an undivided interest is, at the time of the purchase,  
6 owned by the state and controlled by the department. The pur-  
7 chases shall be made for the purpose of vesting the state with  
8 sole ownership of the land.

9       (3) A sale by the department under subsection (1) shall be  
10 by quitclaim deed approved by the attorney general, for fair  
11 market value, as determined by a certified appraisal.

12       Sec. 3. (1) The state land consolidation trust fund is cre-  
13 ated in the state treasury, and shall be administered by the  
14 department.

15       (2) The fund shall be used only for the purchases described  
16 in section 2(2). The fund shall be operated on a revolving  
17 basis. All revenue from sales under section 2(1), and all earn-  
18 ings of the fund, shall be deposited in the fund.

19       Sec. 4. The department shall annually report to the chair-  
20 persons of the standing committees of the house of representa-  
21 tives and senate having jurisdiction over natural resources. The  
22 report shall include a summary of sales and purchases made under  
23 this act, and the amount of land brought under sole ownership of  
24 the state pursuant to this act.