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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** **HB 803**  
**DATE:** 4/8/02  
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## **HB 803**

HB 803 amends current law to provide that if during the final year of an existing 16<sup>th</sup> Section land lease, the board of education notifies the holder of the existing lease that the board of education intends to reclassify the land, the holder of the existing lease may release the land for a term of five years and for a rental amount that is equal to 120% of the total rental value of the existing lease. Thereafter, the board of education shall proceed with the reclassification of the land, and the new classification will be implemented upon the expiration of the lease. This provision does not apply if the board of education intends to reclassify the land under the “commercial” or “industrial” land classification based on a valid business proposal presented to and approved by the board of education.

HB 803 is effective July 1, 2002.

The Secretary of State’s Office is okay with the bill in its final form. Bill Cheney, Senior Attorney in the Public Lands Division, worked with legislators on the bill throughout the session.

Although Rep. Frierson is listed as the principal author of HB 803, he did so at the request of Rep. Joe Warren. Rep. Warren had the bill introduced because his school board did not notify him that they were re-classifying some of his 16<sup>th</sup> Section land. Rep. Warren said that he is going to take some heat at home on the bill, but he doesn’t care. He asked me to convey to you that HB 803 passed the House twice with unanimous votes and it passed the Senate on 51-1 and 49-3 votes. Rep. Warren requested that you sign the bill.

I recommend that you sign HB 803.