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A Bill

SENATE BILL 3

By: Senator Simon

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO RESTRICT THE FUTURE LAND USE OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PROPERTY PURCHASED BY THE STATE FOR THE FUTURE SITE OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; TO EXECUTE AND RECORD A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT TO RUN WITH THE LAND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO RESTRICT THE FUTURE LAND USE OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY PROPERTY PURCHASED BY THE STATE FOR THE FUTURE SITE OF A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; AND TO EXECUTE AND RECORD A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT TO RUN WITH THE LAND.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE.

(a) As used in this section, "Franklin County property" means the approximately eight hundred fifteen (815) acres of property located in Franklin County that was purchased by the state in 2024 for the intended use of a future correctional facility.

(b) The Franklin County property shall not be used for:

(1) A correctional facility;

(2) A detention facility; or

(3) Any temporary or permanent facility in which people are held in custody.

(c)(1) The entity that holds title to the Franklin County property and

any other entity that has a property interest in the Franklin County property shall execute and record a restrictive covenant as described by § 18-12-103 on the Franklin County property.

(2) The restrictive covenant required under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall prohibit the future use of the Franklin County property by any entity or person for:

(A) A correctional facility;

(B) A detention facility; or

(C) Any temporary or permanent facility in which people are held in custody.

(3) The restrictive covenant required under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall run with the entirety of the Franklin County property, whether the Franklin County property is undivided or divided into parcels.