

CHAPTER 610

AN ACT to amend 36.34 (2), (3) and (5); and to create 36.34 (1a) of the statutes, relating to authorizing the university regents to sell the lands and improvements comprising the La Crosse soil conservation experiment station and to use the proceeds therefrom and funds appropriated by section 20.830 (49) of the statutes, for the purchase of lands and construction of buildings and improvements thereon for a new experiment station.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 36.34 (1a) of the statutes is created to read:

36.34 (1a) The legislature hereby restates its findings, determinations and policy as stated in sub. (1) (c) and (d), and that it is in the public interest for the regents to sell, in whole or in part, the agricultural lands and improvements thereon owned by the regents located in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 34 and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 35, T. 16 N., R. 7 W., La Crosse county and to use the proceeds of such sale together with funds appropriated by s. 20.830 (49), for the purchase of land and construction of improvements thereon for a new experiment station; and the university administration and the college of agriculture are authorized to develop plans to accomplish this purpose.

SECTION 2. 36.34 (2), (3) and (5) of the statutes are amended to read:

36.34 (2) The regents, in selling or leasing any part of the agricultural lands and improvements thereon, mentioned in * * * subs. (1) and (1a), shall sell or lease on the basis of either (a) public bids, with the regents reserving the right to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the state, or (b) negotiated prices. Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the lands in Dane county mentioned in sub. (1) shall be subject to special assessments for public improvements by the city of Madison, in the same manner and to the same extent as privately owned lands, provided that such public improvements are of direct and substantial benefit to such portions as have been platted for sale.

(3) The sale, lease and purchase of agricultural lands of the state university, mentioned in * * * subs. (1) and (1a), shall be subject to the approval of the state building commission.

(5) The net proceeds from the sale of agricultural lands and improvements authorized by this section shall be devoted to the purchase of land and construction of improvements contemplated in * * * subs. (1) and (1a), but of any excess of revenue beyond the amount required for this purpose a sum not to exceed \$1,000,000 shall constitute a nonlapsible fund for the purpose of erecting facilities for research and instruction in animal husbandry and agricultural engineering on the campus of the university of Wisconsin, and such funds shall become available upon consent and recommendation of the board of regents and authorization by the state building commission.

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