



2013 SENATE BILL 638

February 28, 2014 - Introduced by Senator SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives TRANEL and MARKLEIN. Referred to Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** the sale and purchase of lands by the Natural Resources
2 Board for the purpose of the completion of a recreational trail.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill authorizes the Natural Resources Board (board) to sell certain land, and to purchase certain other land in exchange for the land sold, in order to facilitate the completion of a recreational trail between the town of Belmont in Lafayette County and the town of Platteville in Grant County.

Current law generally prohibits the board from selling land unless it determines that the land is no longer necessary for the state's use for conservation purposes. This bill provides that, with regard to the sale of land authorized under the bill, the board is not required to make this determination.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

3 **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

4 (1) (a) In order to facilitate the completion of a recreational trail between the
5 town of Belmont in Lafayette County and the town of Platteville in Grant County,

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1 the natural resources board may sell land constituting a former railroad corridor
2 located on sections 8, 9, 10, 17, and 18 in the town of Belmont in Lafayette County
3 and on section 13 in the town of Platteville in Grant County if all of the following
4 apply:

- 5 1. The sale is made to an owner of land contiguous to the land sold.
- 6 2. The natural resources board purchases land from the owner to whom the
7 land is sold in exchange for the land sold.
- 8 3. The natural resources board determines that the land purchased under
9 subdivision 2. is suitable to be used for completion of the recreational trail.
- 10 4. The sale is completed on or before January 1, 2015.

11 (b) Notwithstanding section 23.15 (1) of the statutes, the natural resources
12 board is not required to make a finding that land sold under paragraph (a) is no
13 longer necessary for the state's use for conservation purposes.

14 (c) The procedure in section 23.15 (2) of the statutes does not apply to the sale
15 of land under paragraph (a).

16 (END)