

**CHAPTER 689**

AN ACT to amend 36.34 of the statutes, as amended by chapter 467, laws of 1955, relating to the long-range sale and purchase of agricultural lands of the state university and the erection of facilities for animal husbandry and agricultural engineering research and instruction on the campus of the university.

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

36.34 of the statutes, as amended by chapter 467, laws of 1955, is amended to read :

**36.34 SALE AND RELOCATION OF AGRICULTURAL LANDS.**

(1) **POLICY.** The legislature hereby finds and determines that, because of (a) the problems resulting from the development of the city of Madison around certain agricultural lands of the state university; (b) the desirability of consolidating lands used for agricultural instruction, research and extension purposes; (c) the desirability of disposing of agricultural lands no longer needed by the university; and (d) the need for land of better quality and of greater quantity for the purpose of improving and expanding agricultural research, it is in the public interest for the regents of the university to sell from time to time, *or lease*, in whole or in part, the agricultural lands and improvements thereon owned by said regents and located in sections 19 and 20, township 7 north, range 9 east, Dane county; section 27, township 7 north, range 8 east, Dane county; and section 22, township 22 north, range 8 east, Portage county; and to purchase other agricultural lands outside of the Madison urban area and to construct thereon the necessary buildings and improvements. The foregoing policy determination is made without reference to or intention of limiting the powers which the regents may otherwise have.

(2) The regents, in selling *or leasing* any part of the agricultural lands and improvements thereon, mentioned in sub. (1), 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 sub. (1) shall be subject to the approval of the state building commission.

(4) To the extent that it is necessary to protect the public interests, actions, proceedings and authorizations by the state building commission, or the regents of the university, in carrying out the provisions of ss. 13.351 (2) (d) and 36.34, may be taken in executive session and made matters of public record after the sale, *lease*, or purchase transactions are completed.

(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 sub. (1), 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.*

*(6) Of the property known as the University Hill Farms the board of regents shall convey to the state building commission on or before March 1, 1957 a parcel of not to exceed 30 acres in a location to be agreed upon as a site for state office building facilities at a base price of \$2,750 per acre in addition to the costs of street and utility improvements assessable against the property so conveyed.*

Approved November 29, 1955.

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