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CHAPTER 505

AN ACT to create 13.351 (2) (d), 20.41 (6) and 36.34 of the statutes, relating to the long-range sale and purchase of agricultural lands of the state university and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 13.351 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

13.351 (2) (d) The commission, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of s. 36.34 relating to the sale and purchase of agricultural lands of the state university, may authorize the advance of sums from the state building trust fund for the purchase price, including option payments, of agricultural lands to be acquired by the state university and for expenses incurred in selling agricultural lands presently owned by the state uni-

versity; provided that all such sums advanced shall be repaid to the state building trust fund from the appropriation made by s. 20.41 (6).

SECTION 2. 20.41 (6) of the statutes is created to read:

20.41 (6) SALE OF REAL PROPERTY. All net proceeds from the sale of real property by the regents of the university pursuant to the provisions of s. 36.34 shall be paid within one week after receipt into the general fund, and are appropriated therefrom to the regents for purposes provided for in s. 36.34, except such sums as have been advanced to the regents of the university by the state building commission under the provisions of s. 13.351 (2) (d) which shall be refunded to the appropriation made by s. 20.07 (9) (d).

SECTION 3. 36.34 of the statutes is created 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, 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 any part of the agricultural lands and improvements thereon, mentioned in sub. (1), shall sell 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 sale prices.

(3) The sale 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 interest, 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 or purchase transactions are completed.

Approved July 9, 1953.
