
HOUSE BILL 2433

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By Representative Orcutt

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1 AN ACT Relating to administration of the southwest Washington
2 fair by the Lewis county board of county commissioners; and amending
3 RCW 36.90.010, 36.90.020, 36.90.030, 36.90.050, and 36.90.070.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.90.010 and 1998 c 107 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The property of the Southwest Washington Fair Association
8 including the buildings and structures thereon, as constructed or as
9 may be built or constructed from time to time, or any alterations or
10 additions thereto, shall be under the jurisdiction of Lewis county.
11 That property will be under the management and control of the board
12 of county commissioners of Lewis county or that board's designee, for
13 fair and county purposes.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.90.020 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 97 s 2 are each
15 amended to read as follows:

16 The southwest Washington fair commission heretofore established
17 and authorized under the provisions of this chapter is abolished and
18 all rights, duties and obligations of such commission is devolved
19 upon the board of county commissioners of Lewis county and title to
20 or all interest in real estate, choses in action and all other

1 assets, including but not limited to assignable contracts, cash,
2 deposits in county funds (including any interest or premiums
3 thereon), equipment, buildings, facilities, and appurtenances thereto
4 held as of the date of passage of this 1973 amendatory act by or for
5 the commission shall, on the effective date of this 1973 amendatory
6 act vest in Lewis county for fair and county purposes.

7 **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.90.030 and 2009 c 549 s 4149 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 The board of county commissioners in the county of Lewis as
10 administrators of all property relating to the southwest Washington
11 fair may elect to appoint either (1) a designee, whose operation and
12 funds the board may control and oversee, to carry out the board's
13 duties and obligations as set forth in RCW 36.90.020, or (2) a
14 commission of citizens to advise and assist in carrying out such
15 fair. The chair of the board of county commissioners of Lewis county
16 may elect to serve as chair of any such commission. Such commission
17 may elect a president and secretary and define their duties and fix
18 their compensation, and provide for the keeping of its records. The
19 commission may also designate the treasurer of Lewis county as fair
20 treasurer. The funds relating to fair activities (~~shall be kept~~
21 ~~separate and apart from the~~) shall be managed and accounted for as
22 are other funds of Lewis county(~~(, but shall be deposited in the~~
23 ~~regular depositories of Lewis county and all interest earned thereby~~
24 ~~shall be added to and become a part of the funds. Fair funds shall be~~
25 ~~audited as are other county funds)~~).

26 **Sec. 4.** RCW 36.90.050 and 1998 c 107 s 3 are each amended to
27 read as follows:

28 The Lewis county board of county commissioners may acquire by
29 gift, exchange, devise, lease, or purchase, real property for
30 southwest Washington fair purposes or joint fair and county purposes,
31 and may construct and maintain temporary or permanent improvements
32 suitable and necessary for the purpose of holding and maintaining the
33 southwest Washington fair or other county uses of the fairgrounds.
34 Any such property deemed surplus by the board may be (1) sold at
35 private sale after notice in a local publication of general
36 circulation, or (2) exchanged for other property after notice in a
37 local publication of general circulation, under Lewis county property
38 management regulations.

1 **Sec. 5.** RCW 36.90.070 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 97 s 6 are each
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Upon payment to the state of Washington by Lewis county of the
4 sum of one dollar, which sum shall be deposited in the general fund
5 when received by the treasurer of the state of Washington, such
6 treasurer is authorized and directed to certify to the governor and
7 secretary of state that such payment has been made on the following
8 described property presently utilized for southwest Washington fair
9 purposes situated in Lewis county, Washington: "Beginning at the
10 intersection of the south line of section Seventeen (17) Township
11 Fourteen (14) North of Range Two (2) West of W.M. with the West
12 right-of-way line of the Somerville consent Road, and running thence
13 North 15 degrees 20 feet East along the West line of said Road,
14 Eleven Hundred Forty-four (1144) feet, thence North 2 degrees 33 feet
15 West along the said west line Seventy-four and four-tenths (74.4)
16 feet, thence west on a line parallel with the said south line of said
17 Section Seventeen (17) Eleven Hundred Sixty-seven and two tenths
18 (1167.2) feet to within one hundred fifty (150) feet to the Center
19 line of the Northern Pacific Railroad, thence south 16 degrees 20
20 feet West on a line parallel with and one hundred fifty (150) feet
21 distant Easterly from the Center line of the Northern Pacific
22 Railroad Eleven Hundred and Thirty-five and seven-tenths (1135.7)
23 feet, thence East on a line parallel with and Eighty-seven and three-
24 tenths (87.3) feet north of the south line of said section seventeen
25 (17) eight hundred fifty-seven (857) feet, thence south 74 degrees 40
26 feet East three hundred thirty (330) feet to the point of beginning,
27 containing thirty (30) acres in Section Seventeen (17) Township
28 Fourteen (14) North of Range Two (2) West of W.M." and the governor
29 is thereby authorized and directed forthwith to execute and the
30 secretary of state is authorized and directed to attest to a deed
31 conveying said lands to Lewis county, Washington. The office of the
32 attorney general and the commissioner of public lands shall offer any
33 necessary assistance in carrying out such conveyance. This conveyance
34 shall be understood to have no use restrictions and to give Lewis
35 county control of the property for fair and county purposes as set
36 forth in this chapter.

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