

HOUSE BILL No. 2609

By Representative O'Neal

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AN ACT concerning the state fair; authorizing a hotel and convention center on the state fair grounds.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) The state fair board is hereby authorized to conduct negotiations with governmental and private entities and to enter into contracts for capital improvements on the state fairgrounds for the purposes of a hotel and convention center, including the financing of such capital improvements and the operation and maintenance of such hotel and convention center. The contracts for such capital improvements may include long-term, renewable leases containing such terms and conditions and for such lease period or periods as are determined appropriate and convenient by the state fair board for such capital improvements. The state fair board is hereby authorized to grant to one or more of the public or private entities entering into such contracts with the state fair board the right to construct such capital improvements on state property of the state fair for the hotel and convention center.

(b) The procedures for negotiations for contracts entered into under this section shall be determined by the state fair board. Contracts negotiated and entered into under this section are not subject to the competitive bidding requirements or other purchasing requirements or procedures prescribed by or under K.S.A. 75-3738 through 75-3744 and amendments thereto. Contracts entered into under this section shall provide that the capital improvements on the state fairgrounds for the purposes of a hotel and convention center shall become the property of the state upon the termination of any lease, or any renewal thereof, entered into under this section for such purposes.

(c) Prior to entering into any contracts under this section for capital improvements on the state fairgrounds for the purposes of a hotel and convention center, the state fair board shall advise and consult with the joint committee on state building construction on such capital improvements, including the program statements, preliminary plans and financing arrangements therefor.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.