

CHAPTER 477—H. F. No. 1043

An act to authorize the Executive Council to exchange or sell the old State Capitol site and building in St. Paul, or any part thereof, and acquire by exchange or purchase certain property for extension of the new State Capitol site, and to appropriate money therefor, and to create a special fund to be known as "Capitol Extension and Improvement Fund".

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

Section 1. **Executive council may exchange properties.**—The Executive Council is hereby authorized and empowered to exchange or sell the Old Capitol Building site consisting of a tract of land owned by the State of Minnesota lying between Wabasha Street, Tenth Street, Cedar Street and Exchange Street in St. Paul, hereinafter called "Old Capitol Site", or any part or parts thereof, separately or together, and to exchange or purchase the following described lands, or any part or parts thereof, in St. Paul, Minnesota, separately or together, namely:

All of Block Ten (10) in Ewing & Chute's Addition to St. Paul, which lies south of Fuller Avenue in St. Paul, as now laid out and constructed; being the Block bounded by Fuller Avenue, Park Avenue, West Central Avenue and St. Peter Street.

Lots Fifty-one (51) Auditor's Subdivision Number Ten (10) to St. Paul; all of Block Four (4), Butman's Addition to St. Paul; Lots Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15), Sixteen (16) and Seventeen (17), Simpson's Addition to St. Paul, and that portion of Ewing & Chute's Addition to St. Paul lying southerly of the southerly line of Central Terrace and Central Avenue as now laid out and constructed between St. Peter Street and Wabasha Street not included in the above descriptions; being the Block bounded by Central Terrace and West Central Avenue, Wabasha Street, Tilton Street and St. Peter Street.

Lot Fifty (50), Auditor's Subdivision Number Ten (10) to St. Paul; Lots Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9); and Ten (10), Block Three (3), Butman's Addition to St. Paul; being the northerly one-half of the easterly three-fourths of the Block bounded by Tilton Street, Wabasha Street, Iglehart Avenue and St. Peter Street.

Lot Ten (10), Eleven (11), Twelve (12) and Thirteen (13), Auditor's Subdivision Number Ten (10) to St. Paul; being the northerly 209 feet measured from Central Avenue southerly on Wabasha Street of the Block bounded by East Central Avenue, Cedar Street, Summit Avenue and Wabasha Street.

Provided that none of the lands in the Old Capitol Site shall be exchanged or sold at a valuation less than the true value of said lands which shall be determined by the Executive Council, and provided that none of the lands to be acquired by exchange or purchase shall be so acquired at a valuation greater than the true value thereof which shall be determined by the Executive Council.

Section 2. Powers to be additional.—This Act shall not be so construed as to limit the powers or duties of the State Executive Council as now provided by law, but shall be construed as powers and duties in addition thereto.

Section 3. May sell old capitol grounds.—The Executive Council is authorized and empowered to sell the building and improvements on said capitol site and permit the removal thereof, upon such terms and conditions as to the Executive Council shall appear reasonable. In the event no sale shall be made, the Executive Council is authorized and empowered to cause said building and improvements to be razed and removed from the Old Capitol Site and the materials sold, upon such terms and conditions as shall appear reasonable.

Section 4. Funds credited to capitol extension and improvement fund.—All funds which shall be received by the Executive Council in connection with the performance of this Act shall be deposited in and credited to a separate fund to be designated as the "Capitol Extension and Improvement Fund" and used for the purposes herein expressed.

Section 5. May acquire lands.—For the further purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act the Executive Council is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire the lands hereinbefore described by gift, purchase or condemnation, or by exchange or sale, and to enter into such contracts as may be necessary in connection therewith for the sale or razing of the Old Capitol Building and to employ and engage such assistants, whether lay, expert or professional as may be necessary, in the judgment of said Executive Council to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Section 6. Appropriation.—There is hereby appropriated to the Executive Council out of funds in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$7,500.00 for the purpose of providing such funds as may be necessary to pay expenses and otherwise to carry out the provisions of this Act, which sum shall be deposited in and credited to the fund designated as the "Capitol Extension and Improvement Fund".

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