

right of any party congressional convention or any party state convention to take any action of any kind not in conflict with the provisions of this chapter.

[201.54] Sec. 14. **Division of fees.** Fees collected by the secretary of state under this chapter shall be divided equally between the counties, and the secretary of state shall certify such division to the state auditor, who shall issue warrants therefor on the state treasurer for the amount due to each county.

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CHAPTER 434—H. F. No. 1614

*An act relating to permits to prospect for iron ore on state lands and to the issuance thereof, amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 93.17.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 93.17, is amended to read as follows:

**“93.17. Application for permits; bids; awards.** *Subdivision 1.* Applications for permits to prospect for iron ore shall be presented to the commissioner in writing in such form as he may prescribe at any time prior to the time of opening the bids as hereinafter provided. The application shall be accompanied by a certified check payable to the state treasurer in the sum of \$50.00 for each mining unit as set out above. Each application shall be accompanied also by a sealed bid setting forth the amount of royalty per gross ton of crude ore based upon the iron content of the ore when dried at 212 degrees Fahrenheit, in its natural condition or when concentrated, as set out in detail hereafter, that the applicant proposes to pay to the State of Minnesota in case the permit shall be awarded to him.

*Subd. 2.* Whenever a bid on any mining unit exceeds the minimums prescribed in section 93.20, the bidder shall offer a uniform amount above the minimums on all schedules unless the mining unit is expressly excepted from this requirement by

*the commissioner of conservation by so specifying in the list of lands and mining units.* A separate sealed bid shall be required for each mining unit as established by the commissioner covered by the application, and *shall* be accompanied by a certified check made payable to the state treasurer in the sum of \$200.00 as a guarantee that the applicant will carry out and perform in good faith all the covenants set out in *the* permit. The envelope containing each bid shall be plainly marked on the outside showing the date of application, date received by the commissioner, and the name of the applicant. The commissioner shall endorse upon each application and sealed bid the exact time of presentation and preserve the same unopened in his office.

*Subd. 3.* On the second Monday of June and the second Monday of December each year at 11 o'clock in the forenoon in the office of the governor in the state capitol in St. Paul the commissioner shall publicly announce the number of applications and bids received. The commissioner, together with the executive council, shall then publicly open these bids and announce the amount of each bid separately and award the permits to the highest bidder, but no bids shall be accepted that shall not equal or exceed the amounts provided for in section 93.20, nor shall any bid be accepted that shall not comply with the law and be accompanied by a certified check for the faithful performance of the terms of each permit as hereinbefore set out. The right is herein reserved to the state to reject any and all bids. All applications for permits and bids not accepted at such sale shall become void at the close of the sale and the checks accompanying the applications and bids shall be returned to the applicants entitled to them."

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CHAPTER 435—H. F. No. 1617

*An act relating to limitations upon tax levies of school districts; adjusting the basis of computation of tax limitations and the disposition of school property between certain districts; and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 275.12, as amended.*

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