

and there try and determine all cases within his jurisdiction, including all violations of law punishable as a misdemeanor and all violations of bylaws, ordinances, and rules promulgated by the society. *The board shall provide for and fix the compensation for such justice of the peace.* The board, in the alternative, may request the chief justice of the supreme court to assign a municipal judge to serve and discharge the above duties during the annual state fair who shall be reimbursed and paid compensation by the board of managers the same as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 2.724, Subdivision 3, when assigned to serve and discharge duties in a municipality not his own. All fines, penalties, and costs collected for any offense committed on the fair grounds shall forthwith be paid to the treasurer of the society, and his receipt therefor filed by the court with the county auditor. The board of managers shall appoint and provide for the compensation of a person to prosecute actions before this court, or to act as its legal advisor.

Other than the period for which a justice of the peace is designated or a municipal court judge is assigned to hold court on the fair grounds, any violations of law or of the bylaws, ordinances, and rules of the society shall be prosecuted in any justice or municipal court in Ramsey county, and such courts shall be required to hear and dispose of such cases as may be referred by the society, or by its constables or deputies. The attorney for the society shall forward all relevant information to the attorney responsible for the prosecution of such cases in the court of referral.

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CHAPTER 790—H. F. No. 1475

An act relating to sale of lands acquired by the department of highways; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 161.44, Subdivisions 1, 4 and 6.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 161.44, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Highways; excess lands; disposal; conveyance.** The governor, in behalf of the state and upon recommendation of

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the commissioner, may convey and quitclaim any lands, including any improvements thereon, owned in fee by the state for trunk highway purposes but no longer needed therefor. *Notwithstanding any provisions in this section or in section 161.23 to the contrary, fee title to or an easement in all or part of such lands and lands previously acquired in fee for trunk highways or acquired pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 161.23, in excess of what is needed for highway purposes may be conveyed and quitclaimed for public purposes to any political subdivision or agency of the state upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the commissioner and the political subdivision or agency.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 161.44, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Conveyance when remainder of tract has been divided into smaller tracts. If the lands were part of a larger tract and if the tract has been platted or divided into smaller tracts and sold, the commissioner may offer the lands to the owners of the smaller tracts or lots abutting upon the lands in the same manner and on the same terms as provided in subdivision 2, or he may proceed to sell the lands to the highest responsible bidder ~~or convey the lands to a political subdivision or agency of the state as provided in subdivisions 5 and 6.~~

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 161.44, Subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. Public auction. In lieu of the advertisement for sale and conveyance to the highest responsible bidder, ~~the lands may be conveyed for public purposes to any political subdivision or agency of the state upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the commissioner and the political subdivision or agency, or~~ such lands may be offered for sale and sold at public auction to the highest responsible bidder. Such sale shall be made after publication of notice thereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the property is located for at least two successive weeks and such other advertising as the commissioner may direct. If the sale is made at public auction a duly licensed auctioneer may be retained to conduct such sale, his fees for such service to be paid from the proceeds, and there is appropriated from such proceeds an amount sufficient to pay such fees.

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