CHAPTER 486—S.F.No. 3002

An act relating to natural resources; adding to and deleting from state parks; providing for the administration of certain boathouse lot leases in Soudan underground mine state park; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 85.012, subdivision 32a.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 85.012, subdivision 32a, is amended to read:

Subd. 32a. Lac qui Parle state park, Lac qui Parle eounty and Chippewa counties, which is hereby renamed from Lac qui Parle state recreation area.

Sec. 2. ADDITIONS TO STATE PARKS.

Subdivision 1. [85.012] [Subd. 13.] CHARLES A. LINDBERGH STATE PARK, MORRISON COUNTY.

The following area is added to Charles A. Lindbergh state park, all in Township 129 North, Range 29 West, Morrison county: That part of Government Lots 1 and 2 of Section 5 described as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of said Section 5; thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes 32 seconds East 2416.82 feet (assumed bearing) along the north line of said Section 5 to an iron monument in the center line of Morrison county road No. 213, the point of beginning; thence South 36 degrees 16 minutes 09 seconds West 1479.77 feet along said center line; thence South 24 degrees 14 minutes 08 seconds West 286.99 feet continuing along said center line; thence South 15 degrees 42 minutes 07 seconds West 80.60 feet, continuing along said center line; thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes 32 seconds East 1286.20 feet, more or less, to the shore of the Mississippi river; thence northerly along said shore to its intersection with the north line of said Section 5; thence westerly along said north line to point of beginning.

Subd. 2. [85.012] [Subd. 16.] FLANDRAU STATE PARK, BROWN COUNTY.

The following area is added to Flandrau state park, all in Brown county:

- (1) the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; Lot 2 of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; Lot 4 of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; Lot 6 of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; Sublot 1 of Lot C and Sublot 3 of Lot D of the Northeast Quarter; and Sublot 1 of Lot A of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter, Section 5, Township 109 North, Range 30 West;
- (2) Sublot B of Lot 5 of the Southwest Quarter and Sublot 3 of Lot 3 of the Southeast Quarter, Section 32, Township 110 North, Range 30 West;
- 411; also, any and all portions of vacated Lookout Street adjoining said described parcels, city of New Ulm.

Subd. 3. [85.012] [Subd. 27.] MYRE-BIG ISLAND STATE PARK, FREE-BORN COUNTY.

The following area is added to Myre-Big Island state park, all in Freeborn county:

- (1) The Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter and the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 102 North, Range 21 West, excepting the following two parcels from said West Half of the Southeast Quarter:
- (i) commencing at the northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 11; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 48 seconds West a distance of 2572.93 feet, on an assumed bearing, on the north line of said Southeast Quarter to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 48 seconds West a distance of 66.00 feet on the north line of said Southeast Quarter to the northwest corner thereof; thence South 00 degree 21 minutes 31 seconds East a distance of 969.71 feet on the west line of said Southeast Quarter to the point on the north right-of-way line of the Soo Line railroad; thence North 83 degrees 20 minutes 35 seconds East a distance of 66.40 feet on the north right-of-way line of the Soo Line railroad; thence North 00 degrees 21 minutes 31 seconds West a distance of 962.10 feet to the point of beginning; and
- (ii) commencing at the northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 11; thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 48 seconds West a distance of 2638.93 feet, on an assumed bearing, on the north line of said Southeast Quarter to the northwest corner thereof; thence South 00 degrees 21 minutes 31 seconds East a distance of 1070.32 feet on the west line of said Southeast Quarter to a point on the south right-of-way line of the Soo Line railroad, said point being the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 21 minutes 31 seconds East a distance of 751.93 feet on the west line of said Southeast Quarter; thence North 86 degrees 32 minutes 19 seconds East a distance of 550.32 feet; thence North 00 degrees 21 minutes 31 seconds West a distance of 470.94 feet to a point on the north line of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 11; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 34 seconds West a distance of 483.53 feet on the north line of said Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 21 minutes 31 seconds West a distance of 254.13 feet to a point on the south right-of-way line of the Soo Line railroad; thence South 83 degrees 20 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 66.40 feet on the south right-of-way line of said Soo Line railroad to the point of beginning;
- (2) the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 102 North, Range 21 West;
- (3) the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 102
 North, Range 21 West, excepting therefrom the East 330 feet;
- (4) the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 102 North, Range 21 West, less therefrom 10 acres in the southeast corner thereof heretofore conveyed to Richard P. and Eileen C. Stieler;

- (5) Government Lots 3 and 4, the West 5 acres of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 19, Township 102 North, Range 20 West; and
- (6) the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 19, Township 102 North, Range 20 West, excepting the following parcel: Beginning at a point on the east line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, which point is 859.0 feet North of the southeast corner thereof; thence westerly 1071.95 feet on a line parallel to the north line of said quarter quarter section; thence northerly 447.0 feet on a line parallel to the east line of said quarter quarter section; thence easterly 1071.95 feet to the east line of said quarter quarter section; thence southerly 447.0 feet on the east line of said quarter quarter section to the point of beginning.

Subd. 4. [85.012] [Subd. 32a.] LAC QUI PARLE STATE PARK, LAC QUI PARLE AND CHIPPEWA COUNTIES.

The following areas are added to Lac qui Parle state park, all in Township 118 North, Range 42 West, Chippewa county:

- (1) a tract of land described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of Section 14; thence South 1283 feet measured along the east line of said Section 14; thence in a northwesterly direction along the 945 contour of the Lac qui Parle lake project as now surveyed across the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 14 a distance of 1385 feet to the place where said contour line intersects the north line of said Section 14; thence East along the north line of said section 507.2 feet to the point of beginning;
- (2) a tract of land described as follows: Beginning at a point on the west line of Section 13 a distance of 560 feet south of the northwest corner of said section where the westerly right-of-way line of the highway as now located across said section intersects the west line of said section; thence southerly along the westerly right-ofway of highway 1255 feet to the point where the 945 contour line of the Lac qui Parle lake project intersects the westerly line of the highway; thence northwesterly on a line which bears North 73 degrees 55 minutes West a distance of 75 feet; thence along a line which bears North 44 degrees 44 minutes West a distance of 578.2 feet to the west line of said Section 13; thence North along the west line of said section 723 feet to the point of beginning, EXCEPTING THEREFROM HOWEVER THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND: Beginning at a point 1212.8 feet South of the northwest corner of said Section 13 (this point being on the west line of said Section 13); thence to left 33 degrees 41 minutes a distance of 315.5 feet; thence left 13 degrees 14 minutes a distance of 145.8 feet; thence right 02 degrees 36 minutes a distance of 178.0 feet; thence left 29 degrees 19 minutes a distance of 63.0 feet; thence left 135 degrees 26 minutes a distance of 235.8 feet; thence right 12 degrees 04 minutes a distance of 240.0 feet; thence left 02 degrees 02 minutes a distance of 200.0 feet; thence left 99 degrees 08 minutes a distance of 247.6 feet to point of beginning; and
 - (3) the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 11.

Subd. 5. [85.012] [Subd. 43.] MINNEOPA STATE PARK, BLUE EARTH COUNTY.

The following area is added to Minneopa state park, all in Section 20, Township 108 North, Range 27 West, Blue Earth county: That part of the East 390 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and lying southerly of the Union Pacific railroad right-of-way and lying northerly of county state-aid highway No. 69.

Subd. 6. [85.012] [Subd. 53.] SIBLEY STATE PARK, KANDIYOHI COUNTY.

The following area is added to Sibley state park, Kandiyohi county: the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 121 North, Range 35 West.

Sec. 3. DELETIONS FROM STATE PARKS.

Subdivision 1. [85.012] [Subd. 32a.] LAC QUI PARLE STATE PARK, LAC QUI PARLE AND CHIPPEWA COUNTIES.

The following area is deleted from Lac qui Parle state park, Chippewa county: the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 118 North, Range 42 West.

Subd. 2. [85.012] [Subd. 33.] LAKE BEMIDJI STATE PARK, BELTRAMI COUNTY.

The following area is deleted from Lake Bemidji state park, Beltrami county: the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 147 North, Range 33 West.

Sec. 4. BOATHOUSE LEASES; SOUDAN UNDERGROUND MINE STATE PARK.

- (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 85.011; 85.012, subdivision 1; and 86A.05, subdivision 2, the leased boathouse lots located at Stuntz bay in the Soudan underground mine state park are extended for the lifetime of the current leaseholder. The commissioner of natural resources shall not cancel a lease, except for noncompliance with the lease agreement.
- (b) A lease, described under paragraph (a), may be transferred only once by the current leaseholder to a person within the third degree of kindred according to civil law or to first cousins. When possession is transferred, the transferee shall notify the commissioner and pay to the department of natural resources an annual lease fee. The commissioner may offer and, after agreement with the leaseholder, lease equivalent alternative boathouse sites to a leaseholder.
- (c) By January 15, 2001, the commissioner of natural resources shall report to the senate and house environment and natural resources policy and finance committees on boathouse leases in state parks. The report shall include information on:
 - (1) the number of boathouse leases;
 - (2) the number of leases that have forfeited;

- (3) the expiration dates of the leases;
- (4) the historical significance of the boathouses;
- (5) recommendations on the inclusion of the land described in paragraph (d) within the park boundary; and
 - (6) any other relevant information on the leases.
- (d) The commissioner of natural resources shall contact U.S.X. Corporation and local units of government regarding the inclusion of the following lands within Soudan underground mine state park:
- (1) all lands located South of Vermillion Lake shoreline in Section 13, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;
- (2) all lands located South of Vermillion Lake shoreline in the S1/2-SE1/4 of Section 14, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;
- $\frac{(3)}{\text{West;}} \frac{\text{NE1/4-SE1/4}}{\text{and}} \frac{\text{E1/2-NE1/4}}{\text{E1/2-NE1/4}} \frac{\text{of Section}}{\text{Section}} \frac{22}{2}, \frac{\text{Township}}{\text{Township}} \frac{62}{62} \frac{\text{North, Range}}{\text{North, Range}} \frac{15}{2}$
- (4) all lands located South of Vermillion Lake shoreline in Section 23, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;
 - (5) all of Section 24, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;
- (6) all lands North of trunk highway No. 169 located in Section 25, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;
- (7) all lands North of trunk highway No. 169 located in Section 26, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;
- (8) NE1/4-SE1/4 and SE1/4-NE1/4 of Section 27, Township 62 North, Range 15 West; and
 - (9) NW1/4 of Section 19, Township 62 North, Range 14 West.

Presented to the governor May 11, 2000

Signed by the governor May 15, 2000, 10:46 a.m.

CHAPTER 487-S.F.No. 1048

An act relating to utilities; regulating ex parte communications with commissioners; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216A,037.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216A.037, is amended to read: