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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 958

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state lands; authorizing private and public sales of certain tax-forfeited  
1.3 land.

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

1.5 Section 1. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**  
1.6 **WATER; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision  
1.8 1, and the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, St. Louis County  
1.9 may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited lands bordering public water that are described in  
1.10 paragraph (c), under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282.

1.11 (b) The conveyances must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The  
1.12 attorney general may make changes to the land descriptions to correct errors and  
1.13 ensure accuracy. Prior to the sales, the commissioner of revenue shall grant permanent  
1.14 conservation easements, according to Minnesota Statutes, section 282.37, for the lands  
1.15 described in paragraph (c), clauses (3), (4), and (5). The easements shall serve to provide  
1.16 riparian protection and access for anglers and for future restoration work. The easements  
1.17 for the lands described in paragraph (c), clauses (3) and (4), shall be 75 feet in width, lying  
1.18 southerly of the centerline of the stream. The easement for the land described in paragraph  
1.19 (c), clause (5), shall be 75 feet in width, lying northerly of the centerline of the stream.

1.20 (c) The lands to be sold are located in St. Louis County and are described as:

1.21 (1) Lots 377 through 399, odd-numbered lots, Lower Duluth Minnesota Avenue,  
1.22 Section 12, Township 49 North, Range 14 West (parcel 010-3110-01950);

1.23 (2) part of Lot 2 beginning at the northwest corner; thence southerly 628.4 feet;  
1.24 thence southeasterly at an angle of 102 degrees 17 minutes, 693 feet; thence southerly at

an angle of 90 degrees, 12 feet to the point of beginning; thence northerly 112 feet; thence easterly 300 feet to the shore of Stone Lake; thence southwesterly along the lakeshore to the point of beginning, except that part north of the road, Section 27, Township 55 North, Range 12 West (parcel 230-0010-04549);

(3) Lot 440, Homecroft Park, Town of Rice Lake, Section 34, Township 51 North, Range 14 West (parcel 520-0130-00460);

(4) Lot 493, Homecroft Park, Town of Rice Lake, Section 34, Township 51 North, Range 14 West (parcel 520-0130-01020); and

(5) Lot 533, Homecroft Park, Town of Rice Lake, Section 34, Township 51 North, Range 14 West (parcel 520-0130-01430).

(d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

**Sec. 2. PUBLIC SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC WATER; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

(a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision 1, St. Louis County may sell the tax-forfeited lands bordering public water that are described in paragraph (c), under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282.

(b) The conveyances must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney general may make changes to the land descriptions to correct errors and ensure accuracy. Prior to the sales, the commissioner of revenue shall grant permanent conservation easements, according to Minnesota Statutes, section 282.37, for the lands described in paragraph (c), clauses (8) to (13). The easements shall serve to provide riparian protection and access for anglers and for future restoration work. The easement for the land described in paragraph (c), clause (8), shall lie southerly of the centerline of the stream and 75 feet in width lying northerly of the centerline of the stream. The easements for the lands described in paragraph (c), clauses (10) and (13), shall be 75 feet in width, lying northerly of the centerline of the stream. The easement for the land described in paragraph (c), clause (9), shall be 150 feet in width, lying 75 feet on each side of the centerline of the stream. The easement for the lands described in paragraph (c), clauses (11) and (12), shall be 75 feet in width, lying southerly of the centerline of the stream.

(c) The lands to be sold are located in St. Louis County and are described as:

(1) Lots 32 through 44, even-numbered lots, Upper Duluth St. Louis Avenue, Section 35, Township 50 North, Range 14 West (parcel 010-4400-01330);

(2) Lot 4, Block 2, Rearrangement of Part of Stony Brook Park, Section 13, Township 58 North, Range 18 West (parcel 175-0062-00090);

3.1 (3) the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 19, Township 52 North,  
3.2 Range 18 West (parcel 205-0010-03430);

3.3 (4) Lots 1 and 2, Michaels Beach, Town of Ellsburg, Section 6, Township 55 North,  
3.4 Range 17 West (parcel 320-0100-00010);

3.5 (5) Lots 1 to 12, Block 6; Lots 1 to 7 and 15 to 24, Block 7; and Block 12, Ellsburg,  
3.6 Section 18, Township 55 North, Range 16 West;

3.7 (6) Lots 1 to 24, Block 8; Lots 1 to 6 and 17 to 24, Block 9; and Block 10, Ellsburg,  
3.8 Section 18, Township 55 North, Range 16 West;

3.9 (7) part of Lot 18, lying North of the intersection of the easterly right-of-way of the  
3.10 county road and the west line of the river and South of a line beginning on the easterly  
3.11 road right-of-way 450 feet northerly of said intersection; thence easterly to a point on the  
3.12 westerly line of the river 450 feet northerly of said intersection, McDavitt, Section 19,  
3.13 Township 56 North, Range 18 West (parcel 435-0010-03392);

3.14 (8) the northerly 435.6 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter,  
3.15 except the westerly 400 feet, Section 12, Township 51 North, Range 14 West (parcel  
3.16 520-0012-00555);

3.17 (9) the North Half of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest  
3.18 Quarter, Section 15, Township 51 North, Range 14 West (parcel 520-0012-01460);

3.19 (10) Lots 477 to 479, Homecroft Park, Town of Rice Lake, Section 34, Township 51  
3.20 North, Range 14 West (parcel 520-0130-00840);

3.21 (11) Lot 534, Homecroft Park, Town of Rice Lake, Section 34, Township 51 North,  
3.22 Range 14 West (parcel 520-0130-01440);

3.23 (12) Lot 543, Homecroft Park, Town of Rice Lake, Section 34, Township 51 North,  
3.24 Range 14 West (parcel 520-0130-01530);

3.25 (13) Lot 544, Homecroft Park, Town of Rice Lake, Section 34, Township 51 North,  
3.26 Range 14 West (parcel 520-0130-01540); and

3.27 (14) the easterly 330 feet of the westerly 660 feet of the northerly 265 feet of the  
3.28 Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and the easterly 330 feet of the westerly 660  
3.29 feet of the southerly 395 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section  
3.30 34, Township 57 North, Range 15 West (parcel 570-0012-04792).

3.31 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would  
3.32 best be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

3.33 **Sec. 3. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

3.34 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282,  
3.35 or other law to the contrary, St. Louis County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited

4.1 land described in paragraph (c) under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes,  
4.2 chapter 282.

4.3 (b) The conveyances must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney  
4.4 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

4.5 (c) The lands to be sold are located in St. Louis County and are described as:

4.6 (1) part of Lot 37, Block 4, except the Southwest Half and except the East 7.5 feet,  
4.7 Grant Park Division of Duluth, Section 30, Township 50 North, Range 14 West (parcel  
4.8 010-1960-00670);

4.9 (2) beginning 1,088.74 feet North of an iron monument marking the east side of  
4.10 Vermilion Road 455.34 feet East of the southwest corner of Section 10 and extending  
4.11 easterly 231.49 feet; thence southerly 100.46 feet; thence westerly 238.82 feet to the east  
4.12 side of Vermilion Road; thence northerly 100 feet to the point of beginning, also called  
4.13 Lot 2, Block 3, private plat, Aurora Lands In The City, Section 10, Township 58 North,  
4.14 Range 15 West (parcel 100-0080-00980); and

4.15 (3) the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 24, Township 65 North,  
4.16 Range 20 West, except:

4.17 (i) the railroad right-of-way, 2.90 acres;

4.18 (ii) two acres for the state highway;

4.19 (iii) that part northeasterly of the highway;

4.20 (iv) that part of the North 400 feet lying westerly of the highway;

4.21 (v) the South 320 feet of the North 720 feet; and

4.22 (vi) that part lying South of the North 1,020 feet (parcel 425-0040-04030).

4.23 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interest would  
4.24 best be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.