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

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

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

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

(b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney general may make changes to the land description 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, to provide riparian protection and public access to shore fishing. The easements for land described in paragraph (c), clauses (1) to (3), shall be 450 feet in width from the centerline of the river. The easements for land described in paragraph (c), clauses (4) and (5), shall be 300 feet in width from the centerline of the river. The easements must be approved by the St. Louis County Board and the commissioner of natural resources.

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

(1) Lot 5 except railroad right-of-way 3.15 acres, Section 2, T50N, R18W (23.35 acres) (535-0010-00210);

(2) Lot 7 except railroad right-of-way 3.9 acres, Section 2, T50N, R18W (30.1 acres) (535-0010-00300);

(3) Lot 5 except railroad right-of-way 3 acres, Section 12, T50N, R18W (36 acres) (535-0010-01910);

(4) Lot 2 except railroad right-of-way, Section 35, T51N, R18W (22.5 acres) (310-0010-05650); and

(5) Lot 1 except GN railroad right-of-way, Section 35, T51N, R18W (34 acres) (110-0040-00160).

(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 land bordering public water that is described in paragraph (d) under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282.

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

(c) Prior to the sales of the land described in paragraph (d), clauses (1), (2), and (10) to (12), the commissioner of revenue shall grant permanent conservation easements according to Minnesota Statutes, section 282.37, to provide riparian protection and public access for angling. The easements must be approved by the St. Louis County Board and the commissioner of natural resources. The easements shall be for lands described in paragraph (d):

(1) clause (1), 75 feet in width on each side of the centerline of the creek;

(2) clause (2), 200 feet in width on each side of the centerline of the river;

(3) clause (10), 100 feet in width on each side of the centerline of the river; and

(4) clauses (11) and (12), 50 feet in width on each side of the centerline of the stream.

(d) The land to be sold is located in St. Louis County and is described as:

(1) N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 22, T51N, R14W (5 acres) (520-0016-00590);

(2) SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 8, T50N, R16W (40 acres) (530-0010-01510);

(3) undivided 1/6 and undivided 1/2 of Lot 9, Thompson Lake Addition, Section 12, T53N, R14W (375-0120-00091, 375-0120-00094);

(4) SLY 200 FT OF NLY 1,220 FT OF LOT 4, Section 20, T54N, R18W (9.5 acres) (405-0010-03394);

(5) PART OF SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 LYING N OF SLY 433 FT, Section 36, T57N, R21W (25 acres) (141-0050-07345);

(6) PART OF SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 LYING W OF DW & P RY AND N OF PLAT OF HALEY, Section 23, T63N, R19W (11 acres) (350-0020-03730);

(7) SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, Section 26, T58N, R19W (40 acres) (385-0010-02610);

(8) NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, Section 20, T59N, R20W (40 acres) (235-0030-03110);

(9) LOT 4, Section 2, T61N, R19W (40 acres) (200-0010-00230);

(10) SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 19, T50N, R16W (40 acres) (530-0010-03570);

(11) LOTS 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, BLOCK 1, COLMANS 4th ACRE TRACT ADDITION TO DULUTH, Section 33, T51N, R14W (520-0090-00150, -00160, -00180); and

(12) BLOCKS 17, 18, and 20, PLAT OF VERMILION TRAIL LODGE, Section 13, T62N, R14W.

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

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

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

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

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

Lots 20 and 21, Plat of Twin Lakes, Government Lot 3, Section 32, T60N, R19W (1.1 acres) (385-0070-00200).

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

Sec. 4. **CONVEYANCE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC WATER; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

(a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision 1, and the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, St. Louis County may convey to the state for no consideration the tax-forfeited land bordering public water that is described in paragraph (c).

(b) The conveyance must be according to Minnesota Statutes, section 282.01, subdivision 2, and in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

(c) The land to be conveyed is located in St. Louis County and is described as:

(1) lands in the city of Duluth, Section 23, Township 49 North, Range 15 West, that part of Government Lot 2 lying southeasterly of the southeasterly right-of-way of the St. Paul and Duluth and Northern Pacific Railway including riparian rights.

EXCEPT: that part of Government Lot 2 beginning at the intersection of the south line of Lot 2 and the southeasterly right-of-way of the St. Paul and Duluth and Northern Pacific Railway; thence easterly along the south line of said Lot 2 a distance of 150 feet to a point; thence deflect to the left and continue in a straight line to a point on the southeasterly line of said railway right-of-way said point distant 150 feet northeast of the point of beginning; thence deflect to the left and continue southwesterly along the southeasterly line of said railway right-of-way a distance of 150 feet to point of beginning and there terminating.

EXCEPT FURTHER: that part of Government Lot 2 commencing at the point of intersection of the south line of Lot 2 and the southeasterly right-of-way of the St. Paul and Duluth and Northern Pacific Railway; thence northeasterly along the southeasterly line of said railway right-of-way a distance of 1,064 feet to point of beginning; thence deflect 44 degrees, 12 minutes, 27 seconds to the right a distance of 105.44 feet to a point; thence deflect 85 degrees, 16 minutes, 07 seconds to the left a distance of 111.92 feet more or less to a point on the southeasterly line of said railway right-of-way; thence deflect to the left and continue northwesterly along the southeasterly line of said railway right-of-way a distance of 160 feet more or less to point of beginning and there terminating (010-2746-00290); and

(2) lands in the city of Duluth, Section 23, Township 49 North, Range 15 West, that part of Government Lot 1, including riparian rights, lying southerly of the Northern Pacific Short Line right-of-way except 5 18/100 acres for Northern Pacific Main Line and except a strip of land 75 feet wide and adjoining the Northern Pacific Main Line right-of-way and formerly used as right-of-way by Duluth Transfer Railway 2 67/100 acres, also except that part lying North of Grand Avenue 72/100 acres and except a strip of land adjacent to the Old Transfer Railway right-of-way containing 2 13/100 acres. Revised Description #40, Recorder of Deeds, Book 686, Page 440.

EXCEPT: that part of Government Lot 1 lying southerly of the Northern Pacific Short Line right-of-way and northerly of the Old Transfer Railway right-of-way.

EXCEPT FURTHER: that part of Government Lot 1 lying southerly of the Northern Pacific Main Line right-of-way and lying northerly of a line parallel to and lying 305 feet southerly of the north line of said Government Lot 1 (010-2746-00245).

Sec. 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 4 are effective the day following final enactment.