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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 3730

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state lands; authorizing private sale of certain tax-forfeited lands in  
1.3 Aitkin County.

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

1.5 Section 1. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; AITKIN COUNTY.

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

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

1.11 (c) The lands to be sold are located in Aitkin County and are described as:

1.12 (1) Lot 3 of "Knox's Irregular Lots in the Village of Aitkin," except the portion thereof  
1.13 described as follows: all that part of Lot 3 which lies East of a line beginning at a point on  
1.14 the north line of said Lot 3 a distance of 79 feet East of the northwest corner of said lot and  
1.15 running southeasterly to a point on the south line of said Lot 3 a distance of 56 feet East of  
1.16 the southwest corner of said lot; and except the portion thereof described as follows:  
1.17 beginning at a point on the north line of Lot 4 of said plat a distance easterly 60.75 feet from  
1.18 the northwest corner of said Lot 4; thence running southeasterly to a point on the south line  
1.19 of said Lot 4 which is 56 feet easterly of the southwest corner of said Lot 4; thence continuing  
1.20 easterly along said south line a distance of 56 feet to the southeast corner of said Lot 4;  
1.21 thence northwesterly to a point on the north line of said Lot 3 which is 16 feet easterly of  
1.22 the northwest corner of said Lot 3; thence westerly along the north line of said Lots 3 and

2.1 4 to place of beginning. Section 25, Township 47 North, Range 27 West, Aitkin County,  
2.2 Minnesota (0.28 acres)(parcel number 56-1-118100); and

2.3 (2) that part of Government Lot 1, Section 19, Township 46, Range 25, Aitkin County,  
2.4 Minnesota, described as follows: commencing at the southwest corner of said Government  
2.5 Lot 1; thence North 85 degrees 14 minutes 46 seconds East, assumed bearing, 1,000.00 feet  
2.6 along the south line of said Government Lot 1 to the point of beginning of the tract to be  
2.7 described; thence continuing North 85 degrees 14 minutes 46 seconds East 50.79 feet to an  
2.8 iron monument; thence North 19 degrees 46 minutes 21 seconds West 459.76 feet, more or  
2.9 less, to the shore of Rabbit Lake; thence southwesterly along said shore to its intersection  
2.10 with a line bearing North 20 degrees 00 minutes 16 seconds West from the point of beginning;  
2.11 thence South 20 degrees 00 minutes 16 seconds East 433 feet, more or less, to the point of  
2.12 beginning. Together with and subject to the 33.00-foot-wide easement described in the deed  
2.13 to Kendle recorded as Document Number 193583 on file in the office of the county recorder  
2.14 in and for said county. Also subject to any other easements, reservations, or restrictions of  
2.15 record (0.52 acres)(parcel number 09-0-031708).

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