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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 1744

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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 surplus state land bordering
1.3 public waters in Roseau County.

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

1.5 Section 1. PRIVATE SALE OF SURPLUS LAND BORDERING PUBLIC WATERS;
1.6 ROSEAU COUNTY.

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45, 94.09, and 94.10, the
1.8 commissioner of natural resources may sell by private sale the surplus island located in
1.9 public water that is described in paragraph (d) to a local unit of government for less than
1.10 market value.

1.11 (b) The commissioner may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct
1.12 errors and ensure accuracy.

1.13 (c) The land described in paragraph (d) may be sold by quit claim deed and the
1.14 conveyance must provide that the land described in paragraph (d) be used for the public
1.15 and reverts to the state if the local unit of government fails to provide for public use or
1.16 abandons the public use of the land. The conveyance is subject to a flowage easement held
1.17 by the United States of America.

1.18 (d) The land that may be conveyed is located in Roseau County and is described as: an
1.19 unsurveyed island located in the approximate center of the South Half of the Southeast
1.20 Quarter of Section 29, Township 163 North, Range 36 West, Roseau County, Minnesota;
1.21 said island contains 6.7 acres, more or less (parcel identification number 563199100).

2.1 (e) The island is located in Warroad River and was created after statehood when dredge
2.2 spoils were deposited on a sandbar in the Warroad River. The Department of Natural
2.3 Resources has determined that the land is not needed for natural resource purposes, the
2.4 conveyance would further the public interest, and the state's land management interests
2.5 would best be served if the land was conveyed to a local unit of government for a public
2.6 park and other public use.