

State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-EIGHTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2240

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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 sales of certain tax-forfeited lands in St. Louis
1.3 County; providing procedure for sale of certain noncompliant tax-forfeited land
1.4 on Minnesota Point in Duluth.

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

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

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

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

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

1.13 (1) Lots 1 to 4, Block 4, Atlantic Ave. Addition to Duluth;

1.14 (2) Lots 5 to 7, Bay View Addition to Duluth No. 2;

1.15 (3) Lots 8 to 11, Bay View Addition to Duluth No. 2;

1.16 (4) Lot 12, Block 44, Bay View Addition to Duluth No. 2;

1.17 (5) Lots 14 to 16, Duluth Heights 1st Division;

1.18 (6) that part of Lot 11 beginning at the southwest corner of said lot; thence northeast

1.19 along the south line .20 feet; thence left 89 degrees 57 minutes 42 seconds a distance of

1.20 140.01 feet to a point on the north line of Lot 11 .12 feet East of the northwest corner;

1.21 thence southwest to the northwest corner; thence southeast along the west line 140.01 feet

1.22 to the point of beginning, Duluth Proper 1st Division West Superior Street;

1.23 (7) Lots 33 to 39, odd-numbered lots, Block 172, Duluth Proper Third Division;

1.24 (8) Lots 34 to 40, even-numbered lots, Block 172, Duluth Proper Third Division;

(9) Lots 49 to 63, odd-numbered lots, including part of vacated 4th Ave W adjacent to Lot 63, Duluth Proper Third Division;

(10) Lots 50 and 52, Duluth Proper Third Division;

(11) Lots 39 to 45, odd-numbered lots, Block 179, Duluth Proper Third Division;

(12) the southeasterly 30 feet of the northwesterly 100 feet, Lots 12 to 16, Soo Ry. Lease No. 7841, Marine Division of Duluth;

(13) the East 12-1/2 feet of the West 37-1/2 feet of Lots 1 and 2, West Duluth 5th Division;

(14) the East 10 feet of the South 63 feet of Lot 11 and the East 12-1/2 feet of the North 37 feet of Lot 11, Block 16, West Park Division of Duluth;

(15) the South 13 feet for st Lot 10, Block 4, Woodland Park 8th Division 1st Rearr Duluth;

(16) the North 13 feet of Lot 3, Block 5, Woodland Park 8th Division 1st Rearr Duluth;

(17) the North 13 feet of Lot 4, Block 5, Woodland Park 8th Division 1st Rearr Duluth;

(18) the South 424 feet of the North 999 feet of that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter lying West of the old North Shore Road, except the highway right-of-way, 5.97 acres, and except that part lying South of the southerly highway right-of-way, Section 19, Township 51, Range 12, Town of Duluth;

(19) part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 19, Township 51, Range 17, Town of Industrial;

(20) part of Government Lot 3, Section 2, Township 64, Range 18, Beatty Township;

and

(21) the South 70 feet of the East 313 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 31, Township 60, Range 17.

(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 conveyance 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.

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

(1) the westerly 200 feet of Lot 5, Section 31, Township 58, Range 16, Town of Biwabik;

(2) Lots 8, 9, and 10, Section 6, Township 62, Range 15, NE NA Mik Ka Ta Town of Breitung;

(3) Lots 14 to 17, Section 6, Township 62, Range 15, NE NA Mik Ka Ta Town of Breitung;

(4) Lot 242, Section 6, Township 62, Range 15, NE NA Mik Ka Ta Town of Breitung;

(5) Lots 251 to 254, Section 6, Township 62, Range 15, NE NA Mik Ka Ta Town of Breitung; and

(6) Lots 8 to 20, even-numbered lots, Upper Duluth St. Louis Avenue.

(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. 3. 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 lands bordering public water that are 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 descriptions to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

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

(1) Lots 347 to 355, odd-numbered lots, Lower Duluth Minnesota Avenue;

(2) Lots 22 to 30, even-numbered lots, Lower Duluth St. Louis Avenue;

(3) Lots 44 to 54, even-numbered lots, Lower Duluth St. Louis Avenue;

(4) Lots 58 to 68, even-numbered lots, Lower Duluth St. Louis Avenue;

(5) Lots 78 to 84, even-numbered lots, Lower Duluth St. Louis Avenue;

(6) Lot 86, Lower Duluth St. Louis Avenue;

(7) Lot 88, Lower Duluth St. Louis Avenue;

(8) Lot 132, Lower Duluth St. Louis Avenue;

(9) Lots 206 to 212, even-numbered lots, Lower Duluth St. Louis Avenue;

(10) Lots 324 to 330, even-numbered lots, Lower Duluth St. Louis Avenue;

(11) Lot 5, Section 7, Township 54, Range 16, Town of Cotton; and

(12) an undivided 11/12 interest, Lot 4, Section 29, Township 63, Range 12.

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

4.1 Sec. 4. **SALE OF NONCOMPLIANT TAX-FORFEITED LAND ON**
4.2 **MINNESOTA POINT, DULUTH.**

4.3 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 282.01, subdivision 7a, tax-forfeited
4.4 land located on Minnesota Point in Duluth, which cannot be improved because of
4.5 noncompliance with local ordinances regarding minimum area, shape, frontage, or access,
4.6 may, at the discretion of the St. Louis County auditor, be offered and sold by the county
4.7 auditor to any single, specific adjoining or adjacent landowner without notifying or
4.8 offering to sell to all adjoining or adjacent landowners.

4.9 Sec. 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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