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03/03/2022	5202	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance
03/14/2022	5332a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Environment and Natural Resources Finance
03/23/2022	5524	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to state lands; modifying requirements for conveying easements and leasing

1.3 state lands; adding to and deleting from state parks and state forests; authorizing

1.4 sale or conveyance of certain surplus state land; modifying county lease restrictions

1.5 on tax-forfeited land; allowing counties to lease tax-forfeited land for conservation

1.6 easements; authorizing exchange of land in St. Louis County; providing for land

1.7 acquisition trust fund in St. Louis County; authorizing private sale of certain

1.8 tax-forfeited land in St. Louis County; eliminating sunset for authority to sell leased

1.9 lakeshore lots in St. Louis County; authorizing conveyance of certain tax-forfeited

1.10 land bordering public water in Goodhue County; amending Minnesota Statutes

1.11 2020, sections 84.632; 282.04, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota

1.12 Statutes 2021 Supplement, sections 84.63; 84.631; 92.502; repealing Laws 2012,

1.13 chapter 236, section 28, subdivision 9, as amended.

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

1.15 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 84.63, is amended to read:

1.16 **84.63 CONVEYING INTERESTS IN LANDS TO STATE, FEDERAL, AND**
1.17 **TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS.**

1.18 (a) Notwithstanding any existing law to the contrary, the commissioner of natural

1.19 resources is hereby authorized on behalf of the state to convey to the United States, to a

1.20 federally recognized Indian Tribe, or to the state of Minnesota or any of its subdivisions,

1.21 upon state-owned lands under the administration of the commissioner of natural resources,

1.22 permanent or temporary easements for specified periods or otherwise for trails, highways,

1.23 roads including limitation of right of access from the lands to adjacent highways and roads,

1.24 flowage for development of fish and game resources, stream protection, flood control, and

1.25 necessary appurtenances thereto, such conveyances to be made upon such terms and

1.26 conditions including provision for reversion in the event of non-user as the commissioner

1.27 of natural resources may determine.

2.1 (b) In addition to the fee for the market value of the easement, the commissioner of
2.2 natural resources shall assess the applicant the following fees:

2.3 (1) an application fee of \$2,000 to cover reasonable costs for reviewing the application
2.4 and preparing the easement; and

2.5 (2) a monitoring fee to cover the projected reasonable costs for monitoring the
2.6 construction of the improvement for which the easement was conveyed and preparing special
2.7 terms and conditions for the easement. The commissioner must give the applicant an estimate
2.8 of the monitoring fee before the applicant submits the fee.

2.9 (c) The applicant shall pay these fees to the commissioner of natural resources. The
2.10 commissioner shall not issue the easement until the applicant has paid in full the application
2.11 fee, the monitoring fee, and the market value payment for the easement.

2.12 (d) Upon completion of construction of the improvement for which the easement was
2.13 conveyed, the commissioner shall refund the unobligated balance from the monitoring fee
2.14 revenue. The commissioner shall not return the application fee, even if the application is
2.15 withdrawn or denied.

2.16 (e) Money received under paragraph (b) must be deposited in the land management
2.17 account in the natural resources fund and is appropriated to the commissioner of natural
2.18 resources to cover the reasonable costs incurred for issuing and monitoring easements.

2.19 (f) A county or joint county regional railroad authority is exempt from all fees specified
2.20 under this section for trail easements on state-owned land.

2.21 (g) In addition to fees specified in this section, the applicant must reimburse the state
2.22 for costs incurred for cultural resources review, monitoring, or other services provided by
2.23 the Minnesota Historical Society under contract with the commissioner of natural resources
2.24 or the State Historic Preservation Office of the Department of Administration in connection
2.25 with the easement application, preparing the easement terms, or constructing the trail,
2.26 highway, road, or other improvements.

2.27 (h) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (g), the commissioner of natural resources may
2.28 elect to assume the application fee under paragraph (b), clause (1), and waive or assume
2.29 some or all of the remaining fees and costs imposed under this section if the commissioner
2.30 determines that issuing the easement will benefit the state's land management interests.

3.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 84.631, is amended to read:

3.2 **84.631 ROAD EASEMENTS ACROSS STATE LANDS.**

3.3 (a) Except as provided in section 85.015, subdivision 1b, the commissioner of natural
3.4 resources, on behalf of the state, may convey a road easement across state land under the
3.5 commissioner's jurisdiction to a private person requesting an easement for access to property
3.6 owned by the person only if the following requirements are met: (1) there are no reasonable
3.7 alternatives to obtain access to the property; and (2) the exercise of the easement will not
3.8 cause significant adverse environmental or natural resource management impacts.

3.9 (b) The commissioner shall:

3.10 (1) require the applicant to pay the market value of the easement;

3.11 (2) limit the easement term to 50 years if the road easement is across school trust land;

3.12 (3) provide that the easement reverts to the state in the event of nonuse; and

3.13 (4) impose other terms and conditions of use as necessary and appropriate under the
3.14 circumstances.

3.15 (c) An applicant shall submit an application fee of \$2,000 with each application for a
3.16 road easement across state land. The application fee is nonrefundable, even if the application
3.17 is withdrawn or denied.

3.18 (d) In addition to the payment for the market value of the easement and the application
3.19 fee, the commissioner of natural resources shall assess the applicant a monitoring fee to
3.20 cover the projected reasonable costs for monitoring the construction of the road and preparing
3.21 special terms and conditions for the easement. The commissioner must give the applicant
3.22 an estimate of the monitoring fee before the applicant submits the fee. The applicant shall
3.23 pay the application and monitoring fees to the commissioner of natural resources. The
3.24 commissioner shall not issue the easement until the applicant has paid in full the application
3.25 fee, the monitoring fee, and the market value payment for the easement.

3.26 (e) Upon completion of construction of the road, the commissioner shall refund the
3.27 unobligated balance from the monitoring fee revenue.

3.28 (f) Fees collected under paragraphs (c) and (d) must be credited to the land management
3.29 account in the natural resources fund and are appropriated to the commissioner of natural
3.30 resources to cover the reasonable costs incurred under this section.

3.31 (g) In addition to fees specified in this section, the applicant must reimburse the state
3.32 for costs incurred for cultural resources review, monitoring, or other services provided by

4.1 the Minnesota Historical Society under contract with the commissioner of natural resources
4.2 or the State Historic Preservation Office of the Department of Administration in connection
4.3 with the easement application, preparing the easement terms, or constructing the road.

4.4 (h) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (g), the commissioner of natural resources may
4.5 elect to assume the application fee under paragraph (c) and waive or assume some or all of
4.6 the remaining fees and costs imposed under this section if the commissioner determines
4.7 that issuing the easement will benefit the state's land management interests.

4.8 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 84.632, is amended to read:

4.9 **84.632 CONVEYANCE OF UNNEEDED STATE EASEMENTS.**

4.10 (a) Notwithstanding section 92.45, the commissioner of natural resources may, in the
4.11 name of the state, release all or part of an easement acquired by the state upon application
4.12 of a landowner whose property is burdened with the easement if the easement is not needed
4.13 for state purposes.

4.14 (b) All or part of an easement may be released by payment of the market value of the
4.15 easement. The release must be in a form approved by the attorney general.

4.16 (c) Money received under paragraph (b) must be credited to the account from which
4.17 money was expended for purchase of the easement. If there is no specific account, the money
4.18 must be credited to the land acquisition account established in section 94.165.

4.19 (d) In addition to payment under paragraph (b), the commissioner of natural resources
4.20 shall assess a landowner who applies for a release under this section an application fee of
4.21 \$2,000 for reviewing the application and preparing the release of easement. The applicant
4.22 shall pay the application fee to the commissioner of natural resources. The commissioner
4.23 shall not issue the release of easement until the applicant has paid the application fee in full.
4.24 The commissioner shall not return the application fee, even if the application is withdrawn
4.25 or denied.

4.26 (e) Money received under paragraph (d) must be credited to the land management account
4.27 in the natural resources fund and is appropriated to the commissioner of natural resources
4.28 to cover the reasonable costs incurred under this section.

4.29 (f) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) to (e), the commissioner of natural resources may
4.30 elect to assume the application fee under paragraph (d) and waive or assume some or all of
4.31 the remaining fees and costs imposed under this section if the commissioner determines
4.32 that issuing the easement release will benefit the state's land management interests.

5.1 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 92.502, is amended to read:

5.2 **92.502 LEASING TAX-FORFEITED AND STATE LANDS.**

5.3 (a) Notwithstanding section 282.04 or other law to the contrary, St. Louis County may
5.4 enter a 30-year lease of tax-forfeited land for a wind energy project.

5.5 (b) The commissioner of natural resources may enter a 30-year lease of land administered
5.6 by the commissioner for a wind energy project.

5.7 (c) The commissioner of natural resources may enter a 30-year lease of land administered
5.8 by the commissioner for recreational trails ~~and~~ or facilities. The commissioner may assess
5.9 the lease applicant a monitoring fee to cover the projected reasonable costs of monitoring
5.10 construction of the recreational trail or facility and preparing special terms and conditions
5.11 of the license to ensure proper construction. The commissioner must give the applicant an
5.12 estimate of the monitoring fee before the applicant is required to submit the fee. Upon
5.13 completion of construction of the trail or facility, the commissioner must refund the
5.14 unobligated balance from the monitoring fee revenue.

5.15 (d) Notwithstanding section 282.04 or other law to the contrary, Lake and St. Louis
5.16 Counties may enter into 30-year leases of tax-forfeited land for recreational trails and
5.17 facilities.

5.18 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 282.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

5.19 Subdivision 1. **Timber sales; land leases and uses.** (a) The county auditor, with terms
5.20 and conditions set by the county board, may sell timber upon any tract that may be approved
5.21 by the natural resources commissioner. The sale of timber shall be made for cash at not less
5.22 than the appraised value determined by the county board to the highest bidder after not less
5.23 than one week's published notice in an official paper within the county. Any timber offered
5.24 at the public sale and not sold may thereafter be sold at private sale by the county auditor
5.25 at not less than the appraised value thereof, until the time as the county board may withdraw
5.26 the timber from sale. The appraised value of the timber and the forestry practices to be
5.27 followed in the cutting of said timber shall be approved by the commissioner of natural
5.28 resources.

5.29 (b) Payment of the full sale price of all timber sold on tax-forfeited lands shall be made
5.30 in cash at the time of the timber sale, except in the case of oral or sealed bid auction sales,
5.31 the down payment shall be no less than 15 percent of the appraised value, and the balance
5.32 shall be paid prior to entry. In the case of auction sales that are partitioned and sold as a
5.33 single sale with predetermined cutting blocks, the down payment shall be no less than 15

6.1 percent of the appraised price of the entire timber sale which may be held until the satisfactory
6.2 completion of the sale or applied in whole or in part to the final cutting block. The value of
6.3 each separate block must be paid in full before any cutting may begin in that block. With
6.4 the permission of the county contract administrator the purchaser may enter unpaid blocks
6.5 and cut necessary timber incidental to developing logging roads as may be needed to log
6.6 other blocks provided that no timber may be removed from an unpaid block until separately
6.7 scaled and paid for. If payment is provided as specified in this paragraph as security under
6.8 paragraph (a) and no cutting has taken place on the contract, the county auditor may credit
6.9 the security provided, less any down payment required for an auction sale under this
6.10 paragraph, to any other contract issued to the contract holder by the county under this chapter
6.11 to which the contract holder requests in writing that it be credited, provided the request and
6.12 transfer is made within the same calendar year as the security was received.

6.13 (c) The county board may sell any timber, including biomass, as appraised or scaled.
6.14 Any parcels of land from which timber is to be sold by scale of cut products shall be so
6.15 designated in the published notice of sale under paragraph (a), in which case the notice shall
6.16 contain a description of the parcels, a statement of the estimated quantity of each species
6.17 of timber, and the appraised price of each species of timber for 1,000 feet, per cord or per
6.18 piece, as the case may be. In those cases any bids offered over and above the appraised
6.19 prices shall be by percentage, the percent bid to be added to the appraised price of each of
6.20 the different species of timber advertised on the land. The purchaser of timber from the
6.21 parcels shall pay in cash at the time of sale at the rate bid for all of the timber shown in the
6.22 notice of sale as estimated to be standing on the land, and in addition shall pay at the same
6.23 rate for any additional amounts which the final scale shows to have been cut or was available
6.24 for cutting on the land at the time of sale under the terms of the sale. Where the final scale
6.25 of cut products shows that less timber was cut or was available for cutting under terms of
6.26 the sale than was originally paid for, the excess payment shall be refunded from the forfeited
6.27 tax sale fund upon the claim of the purchaser, to be audited and allowed by the county board
6.28 as in case of other claims against the county. No timber, except hardwood pulpwood, may
6.29 be removed from the parcels of land or other designated landings until scaled by a person
6.30 or persons designated by the county board and approved by the commissioner of natural
6.31 resources. Landings other than the parcel of land from which timber is cut may be designated
6.32 for scaling by the county board by written agreement with the purchaser of the timber. The
6.33 county board may, by written agreement with the purchaser and with a consumer designated
6.34 by the purchaser when the timber is sold by the county auditor, and with the approval of
6.35 the commissioner of natural resources, accept the consumer's scale of cut products delivered
6.36 at the consumer's landing. No timber shall be removed until fully paid for in cash. Small

7.1 amounts of timber not exceeding 500 cords in appraised volume may be sold for not less
7.2 than the full appraised value at private sale to individual persons without first publishing
7.3 notice of sale or calling for bids, provided that in case of a sale involving a total appraised
7.4 value of more than \$200 the sale shall be made subject to final settlement on the basis of a
7.5 scale of cut products in the manner above provided and not more than two of the sales,
7.6 directly or indirectly to any individual shall be in effect at one time.

7.7 (d) As directed by the county board, the county auditor may lease tax-forfeited land to
7.8 individuals, corporations or organized subdivisions of the state at public or private sale, and
7.9 at the prices and under the terms as the county board may prescribe, for use as cottage and
7.10 camp sites and for agricultural purposes and for the purpose of taking and removing of hay,
7.11 stumpage, sand, gravel, clay, rock, marl, and black dirt from the land, and for garden sites
7.12 and other temporary uses provided that no leases shall be for a period to exceed ~~ten~~ 25 years;
7.13 provided, further that any leases involving a consideration of more than ~~\$12,000~~ \$50,000
7.14 per year, except to an organized subdivision of the state shall first be offered at public sale
7.15 in the manner provided herein for sale of timber. Upon the sale of any leased land, it shall
7.16 remain subject to the lease for not to exceed one year from the beginning of the term of the
7.17 lease. Any rent paid by the lessee for the portion of the term cut off by the cancellation shall
7.18 be refunded from the forfeited tax sale fund upon the claim of the lessee, to be audited and
7.19 allowed by the county board as in case of other claims against the county.

7.20 (e) As directed by the county board, the county auditor may lease tax-forfeited land to
7.21 individuals, corporations, or organized subdivisions of the state at public or private sale, at
7.22 the prices and under the terms as the county board may prescribe, for the purpose of taking
7.23 and removing for use for road construction and other purposes tax-forfeited stockpiled
7.24 iron-bearing material. The county auditor must determine that the material is needed and
7.25 suitable for use in the construction or maintenance of a road, tailings basin, settling basin,
7.26 dike, dam, bank fill, or other works on public or private property, and that the use would
7.27 be in the best interests of the public. No lease shall exceed ten years. The use of a stockpile
7.28 for these purposes must first be approved by the commissioner of natural resources. The
7.29 request shall be deemed approved unless the requesting county is notified to the contrary
7.30 by the commissioner of natural resources within six months after receipt of a request for
7.31 approval for use of a stockpile. Once use of a stockpile has been approved, the county may
7.32 continue to lease it for these purposes until approval is withdrawn by the commissioner of
7.33 natural resources.

7.34 (f) The county auditor, with the approval of the county board is authorized to grant
7.35 permits, licenses, and leases to tax-forfeited lands for the depositing of stripping, lean ores,

8.1 tailings, or waste products from mines or ore milling plants, or to use for facilities needed
8.2 to recover iron-bearing oxides from tailings basins or stockpiles, or for a buffer area needed
8.3 for a mining operation, upon the conditions and for the consideration and for the period of
8.4 time, not exceeding 25 years, as the county board may determine. The permits, licenses, or
8.5 leases are subject to approval by the commissioner of natural resources.

8.6 (g) Any person who removes any timber from tax-forfeited land before said timber has
8.7 been scaled and fully paid for as provided in this subdivision is guilty of a misdemeanor.

8.8 (h) The county auditor may, with the approval of the county board, and without first
8.9 offering at public sale, grant leases, for a term not exceeding 25 years, for the removal of
8.10 peat and for the production or removal of farm-grown closed-loop biomass as defined in
8.11 section 216B.2424, subdivision 1, or short-rotation woody crops from tax-forfeited lands
8.12 upon the terms and conditions as the county board may prescribe. Any lease for the removal
8.13 of peat, farm-grown closed-loop biomass, or short-rotation woody crops from tax-forfeited
8.14 lands must first be reviewed and approved by the commissioner of natural resources if the
8.15 lease covers 320 or more acres. No lease for the removal of peat, farm-grown closed-loop
8.16 biomass, or short-rotation woody crops shall be made by the county auditor pursuant to this
8.17 section without first holding a public hearing on the auditor's intention to lease. One printed
8.18 notice in a legal newspaper in the county at least ten days before the hearing, and posted
8.19 notice in the courthouse at least 20 days before the hearing shall be given of the hearing.

8.20 (i) Notwithstanding any provision of paragraph (c) to the contrary, the St. Louis County
8.21 auditor may, at the discretion of the county board, sell timber to the party who bids the
8.22 highest price for all the several kinds of timber, as provided for sales by the commissioner
8.23 of natural resources under section 90.14. Bids offered over and above the appraised price
8.24 need not be applied proportionately to the appraised price of each of the different species
8.25 of timber.

8.26 (j) In lieu of any payment or deposit required in paragraph (b), as directed by the county
8.27 board and under terms set by the county board, the county auditor may accept an irrevocable
8.28 bank letter of credit in the amount equal to the amount otherwise determined in paragraph
8.29 (b). If an irrevocable bank letter of credit is provided under this paragraph, at the written
8.30 request of the purchaser, the county may periodically allow the bank letter of credit to be
8.31 reduced by an amount proportionate to the value of timber that has been harvested and for
8.32 which the county has received payment. The remaining amount of the bank letter of credit
8.33 after a reduction under this paragraph must not be less than 20 percent of the value of the
8.34 timber purchased. If an irrevocable bank letter of credit or cash deposit is provided for the
8.35 down payment required in paragraph (b), and no cutting of timber has taken place on the

9.1 contract for which a letter of credit has been provided, the county may allow the transfer
 9.2 of the letter of credit to any other contract issued to the contract holder by the county under
 9.3 this chapter to which the contract holder requests in writing that it be credited.

9.4 (k) As directed by the county board, the county auditor may lease tax-forfeited land
 9.5 under the terms and conditions prescribed by the county board for the purposes of
 9.6 investigating, analyzing, and developing conservation easements that provide ecosystem
 9.7 services.

9.8 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 282.04, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 9.9 read:

9.10 Subd. 4b. **Conservation easements.** The county auditor, with prior review and
 9.11 consultation with the commissioner of natural resources and under the terms and conditions
 9.12 prescribed by the county board, including reversion in the event of nonuse, may convey
 9.13 conservation easements as defined in section 84C.01 on tax-forfeited land.

9.14 Sec. 7. **ADDITION TO STATE PARK.**

9.15 **[85.012] [Subd. 27.] Myre-Big Island State Park, Freeborn County.** The following
 9.16 area is added to Myre-Big Island State Park, Freeborn County: all that part of the Northeast
 9.17 Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 102 North, Range 21 West of the
 9.18 5th principal meridian, lying South of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway,
 9.19 and subject to road easement on the easterly side thereof.

9.20 Sec. 8. **DELETION FROM STATE FOREST.**

9.21 **[89.021] [Subd. 13.] Cloquet Valley State Forest.** The following areas are deleted from
 9.22 Cloquet Valley State Forest:

9.23 (1) those parts of St. Louis County in Township 52 North, Range 16 West, described as
 9.24 follows:

9.25 (i) Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,
 9.26 Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter,
 9.27 Section 21;

9.28 (ii) Government Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 and the Northeast Quarter of the
 9.29 Northwest Quarter and Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 22;

9.30 (iii) Government Lot 3, Section 23;

9.31 (iv) Government Lot 2, Section 24;

- 10.1 (v) Government Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, Section 25;
- 10.2 (vi) Government Lot 1, Section 26;
- 10.3 (vii) Government Lots 2 and 7, Section 26;
- 10.4 (viii) Government Lots 3 and 4, Section 27, reserving unto grantor and grantor's
10.5 successors and assigns a 66-foot-wide access road easement across said Government Lot 3
10.6 for the purpose of access to grantor's or grantor's successor's or assign's land and grantor's
10.7 presently owned land that may be sold, assigned, or transferred in Government Lot 1, Section
10.8 27, said access road being measured 33 feet from each side of the centerline of that road
10.9 that is presently existing at various widths and running in a generally
10.10 southwesterly-northeasterly direction;
- 10.11 (ix) Government Lots 1 and 2, Section 28;
- 10.12 (x) Government Lots 1, 2, 3, and 5 and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter
10.13 and Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 29;
- 10.14 (xi) Government Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, Section 31, reserving unto grantor and grantor's
10.15 successors and assigns a 66-foot-wide access road easement across said Government Lots
10.16 1, 2, and 3 for the purpose of access to grantor's or grantor's successor's or assign's land and
10.17 grantor's presently owned lands that may be sold, assigned, or transferred in Government
10.18 Lot 4, Section 29, said access road being measured 33 feet from each side of the centerline
10.19 of that road that is presently existing at various widths and running in a generally East-West
10.20 direction and any future extensions thereof as may be reasonably necessary to provide the
10.21 access contemplated herein;
- 10.22 (xii) Government Lots 5, 7, 8, and 9, Section 31;
- 10.23 (xiii) Government Lots 1 and 2, an undivided two-thirds interest in the Northeast Quarter
10.24 of the Northwest Quarter, an undivided two-thirds interest in the Southeast Quarter of the
10.25 Northwest Quarter, and an undivided two-thirds interest in the Southwest Quarter of the
10.26 Northwest Quarter, Section 32, reserving unto grantor and grantor's successors and assigns
10.27 an access road easement across the West 66 feet of the North 66 feet of said Government
10.28 Lot 1 for the purpose of access to grantor's or grantor's successor's or assign's land and
10.29 grantor's presently owned land that may be sold, assigned, or transferred in Government
10.30 Lot 4, Section 29; and
- 10.31 (xiv) the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 35;
- 10.32 (2) those parts of St. Louis County in Township 53 North, Range 13 West, described as
10.33 follows:

11.1 (i) all that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter lying North and West
11.2 of the Little Cloquet River, Section 4;

11.3 (ii) Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter,
11.4 Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter,
11.5 Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter,
11.6 Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter,
11.7 Section 5;

11.8 (iii) Government Lots 1, 2, and 4 and the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,
11.9 Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,
11.10 Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter,
11.11 Section 6;

11.12 (iv) Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 and the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast
11.13 Quarter, Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Northwest Quarter of the Northwest
11.14 Quarter, Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Southwest Quarter of the Northwest
11.15 Quarter, Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, and Northeast Quarter of the Southwest
11.16 Quarter, Section 7;

11.17 (v) Government Lots 1 and 2 and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter,
11.18 Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter,
11.19 Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter,
11.20 Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and Southwest Quarter of the Southwest
11.21 Quarter, Section 8; and

11.22 (vi) the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Northwest Quarter of the Northwest
11.23 Quarter, Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, and Southwest Quarter of the Northwest
11.24 Quarter, Section 17;

11.25 (3) those parts of St. Louis County in Township 54 North, Range 13 West, described as
11.26 follows:

11.27 (i) Government Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Section 20;

11.28 (ii) Government Lots 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter,
11.29 Section 21;

11.30 (iii) Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, Section 29;

11.31 (iv) Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, and 10, Section 30; and

12.1 (v) Government Lots 5, 6, and 7 and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter,
12.2 Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter,
12.3 Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, and Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,
12.4 Section 31;

12.5 (4) those parts of St. Louis County in Township 54 North, Range 16 West, described as
12.6 follows:

12.7 (i) Government Lots 2, 3, and 4 and the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter,
12.8 Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter,
12.9 and Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 1;

12.10 (ii) Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 and the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast
12.11 Quarter, Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Southwest Quarter of the Southeast
12.12 Quarter, Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Southeast Quarter of the Southwest
12.13 Quarter, and Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 2;

12.14 (iii) all that part of Government Lot 9 lying South of the Whiteface River and West of
12.15 County Road 547, also known as Comstock Lake Road, Section 3; and

12.16 (iv) Government Lots 3 and 4 and the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and
12.17 Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 10;

12.18 (5) those parts of St. Louis County in Township 55 North, Range 15 West, described as
12.19 follows:

12.20 (i) Government Lots 1 and 2, Section 11;

12.21 (ii) Government Lot 9, except the Highway 4 right-of-way, Section 11;

12.22 (iii) Government Lot 10, except the Highway 4 right-of-way, Section 11;

12.23 (iv) Government Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Section 15;

12.24 (v) Government Lots 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest
12.25 Quarter, Section 21;

12.26 (vi) the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, reserving unto grantor and grantor's
12.27 successors and assigns a 66-foot-wide access easement across said Southwest Quarter of
12.28 the Northeast Quarter for the purpose of access to grantor's or grantor's successor's or assign's
12.29 land and grantor's presently owned land that may be sold, assigned, or transferred in
12.30 Government Lot 4, Section 21, Township 55 North, Range 15 West, said access road being
12.31 measured 33 feet on each side of the centerline of that road that is presently existing and
12.32 known as the Whiteface Truck Trail, Section 21;

- 13.1 (vii) Government Lots 1, 2, and 3, Section 22;
- 13.2 (viii) Government Lots 1 and 2 and the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter,
- 13.3 Section 28;
- 13.4 (ix) Government Lots 1, 4, 6, 8, and 9 and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter,
- 13.5 Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, and Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter,
- 13.6 Section 29;
- 13.7 (x) Government Lots 3 and 4 and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,
- 13.8 Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter,
- 13.9 Section 30;
- 13.10 (xi) Government Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, and 11 and the Northeast Quarter of the
- 13.11 Southwest Quarter, Section 31; and
- 13.12 (xii) Government Lot 1, Section 32; and
- 13.13 (6) those parts of St. Louis County in Township 55 North, Range 16 West, described as
- 13.14 follows:
- 13.15 (i) the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, reserving unto grantor and grantor's
- 13.16 successors and assigns a 66-foot-wide access road easement across said Southwest Quarter
- 13.17 of the Southeast Quarter for the purpose of access to grantor's or grantor's successor's or
- 13.18 assign's land and grantor's presently owned land that may be sold, assigned, or transferred
- 13.19 in Government Lot 5, Section 1, Township 54 North, Range 16 West, Section 35; and
- 13.20 (ii) the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, reserving unto grantor and grantor's
- 13.21 successors and assigns a 66-foot-wide access road easement across said Southeast Quarter
- 13.22 of the Southeast Quarter for the purpose of access to grantor's or grantor's successor's or
- 13.23 assign's land and grantor's presently owned land that may be sold, assigned, or transferred
- 13.24 in Government Lot 5, Section 1, Township 54 North, Range 16 West, Section 35.
- 13.25 **Sec. 9. ADDITION TO STATE FOREST.**
- 13.26 **[89.021] [Subd. 42a.] Riverlands State Forest.** The following areas are added to
- 13.27 **Riverlands State Forest, those parts of St. Louis County, described as follows:**
- 13.28 **(1) the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 16, Township 50 North,**
- 13.29 **Range 17 West;**
- 13.30 **(2) Government Lot 9, Section 26, Township 50 North, Range 17 West;**

14.1 (3) the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 30, Township 51 North,
 14.2 Range 19 West;

14.3 (4) Government Lot 6, Section 22, Township 51 North, Range 20 West; and

14.4 (5) Government Lot 9, Section 24, Township 52 North, Range 20 West.

14.5 **Sec. 10. PUBLIC SALE OF SURPLUS STATE LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**
 14.6 **WATER; CASS COUNTY.**

14.7 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 92.45, the commissioner of natural
 14.8 resources may sell by public sale the surplus land bordering public water that is described
 14.9 in paragraph (c).

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

14.12 (c) The land that may be sold is located in Cass County and is described as:

14.13 (1) the West 970 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32,
 14.14 Township 135 North, Range 29 West, Cass County, Minnesota, EXCEPT therefrom a
 14.15 rectangular piece in the southeast corner thereof 370 feet North and South by 420 feet East
 14.16 and West; and

14.17 (2) that part of Government Lot 6 of said Section 32, described as follows: beginning
 14.18 at the northwest corner of said Government Lot 6; thence East along the north line of said
 14.19 Government Lot 6 550 feet; thence South 30 degrees West 528 feet, more or less, to shoreline
 14.20 of Agate Lake; thence northwest along said shoreline of Agate Lake to the west line of said
 14.21 Government Lot 6; thence northerly along said west line 260 feet, more or less, to the point
 14.22 of beginning.

14.23 (d) The land borders Agate Lake and is not contiguous to other state lands. The
 14.24 Department of Natural Resources has determined that the land is not needed for natural
 14.25 resource purposes and that the state's land management interests would best be served if
 14.26 the land was returned to private ownership.

14.27 **Sec. 11. PUBLIC SALE OF SURPLUS STATE LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**
 14.28 **WATER; FILLMORE COUNTY.**

14.29 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 92.45, the commissioner of natural
 14.30 resources may sell by public sale the surplus land bordering public water that is described
 14.31 in paragraph (c), subject to the state's reservation of trout stream easements.

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

15.3 (c) The land that may be sold is located in Fillmore County and is described as: the South
15.4 13 acres, except the East 2 acres thereof, of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,
15.5 Section 21, Township 103, Range 10 West, Fillmore County, Minnesota, excepting therefrom
15.6 the Harmony-Preston Valley State Trail corridor, formerly the Chicago, Milwaukee, St.
15.7 Paul and Pacific Railroad Company right-of-way.

15.8 (d) The land borders the Root River and Watson Creek and is not contiguous to other
15.9 state lands. The Department of Natural Resources has determined that the land is not needed
15.10 for natural resource purposes, provided that trout stream easements are reserved on the Root
15.11 River and Watson Creek, and that the state's land management interests would best be served
15.12 if the land was returned to private ownership.

15.13 **Sec. 12. CONVEYANCE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**
15.14 **WATER; GOODHUE COUNTY.**

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

15.19 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general and provide
15.20 that the land reverts to the state if the city of Wanamingo stops using the land for the public
15.21 purpose described in paragraph (d). The attorney general may make changes to the land
15.22 description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

15.23 (c) The land to be conveyed is located in Goodhue County and is described as: That part
15.24 of the Southeast Quarter of Section 30, Township 110 North, Range 16 West, Goodhue
15.25 County, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of Lot 7,
15.26 Block 2, Axelson's Hillcrest Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof; thence South
15.27 89 degrees 48 minutes 15 seconds East (assuming that the east line of Axelson's Hillcrest
15.28 Addition also being the west line of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 30, has a bearing
15.29 of North 00 degrees 11 minutes 45 seconds East), a distance of 30.00 feet; thence North 00
15.30 degrees 11 minutes 45 seconds East, a distance of 342.00 feet to the point of beginning;
15.31 thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 15 seconds East, a distance of 60.00 feet; thence North
15.32 00 degrees 11 minutes 45 seconds East, a distance of 280.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees
15.33 48 minutes 15 seconds East, a distance of 60.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes
15.34 45 seconds East, a distance of 394 feet, more or less to the north line of the Southeast Quarter

16.1 of said Section 30; thence westerly, along said north line, a distance of 150.00 feet, more
 16.2 or less, to the northwest corner of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 11
 16.3 minutes 45 seconds West, along the west line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 674
 16.4 feet, more or less, to an intersection with a line bearing North 89 degrees 48 minutes 15
 16.5 seconds West from said point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 15 seconds
 16.6 East, a distance of 30.00 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT that part of the above
 16.7 description now platted as Emerald Valley (parcel number 70.380.0710).

16.8 (d) The county has determined that the land is needed for a park trail extension.

16.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

16.10 Sec. 13. **PRIVATE SALE OF SURPLUS LAND BORDERING PUBLIC WATER;**
 16.11 **HENNEPIN COUNTY.**

16.12 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45, 94.09, and 94.10, the
 16.13 commissioner of natural resources may sell by private sale the surplus land bordering public
 16.14 water that is described in paragraph (c) to a local unit of government for less than market
 16.15 value.

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

16.18 (c) The land that may be conveyed is located in Hennepin County and is described as:
 16.19 all those parts of Government Lot 5, Section 35, Township 118, Range 23, lying northerly
 16.20 and northwesterly of East Long Lake Road, as it existed in 2021, easterly of a line drawn
 16.21 parallel with and distant 924.88 feet westerly of the east line of said Government Lot 5, and
 16.22 southerly of a line drawn westerly at a right angle to the east line of said Government Lot
 16.23 5 from a point distant 620 feet South of the northeast corner of said Government Lot 5.

16.24 (d) The land borders Long Lake. The Department of Natural Resources has determined
 16.25 that the land is not needed for natural resource purposes and that the state's land management
 16.26 interests would best be served if the land were conveyed to a local unit of government.

16.27 Sec. 14. **PUBLIC SALE OF SURPLUS STATE LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**
 16.28 **WATER; ITASCA COUNTY.**

16.29 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 92.45, the commissioner of natural
 16.30 resources may sell by public sale the surplus land bordering public water that is described
 16.31 in paragraph (c).

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

17.3 (c) The land that may be sold is located in Itasca County and is described as:

17.4 (1) the North 1,050.00 feet of Government Lot 1, Section 16, Township 55 North, Range
17.5 24 West of the fourth principal meridian, except that part described as follows: commencing
17.6 at the southeast corner of said Government Lot 1; thence North 0 degrees 46 minutes 09
17.7 seconds East, bearing assumed, along the east line thereof, a distance of 280.00 feet to the
17.8 point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 13 minutes 51 seconds West, a distance of
17.9 345.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 46 minutes 09 seconds West, a distance of 21.60 feet
17.10 to its intersection with the south line of the North 1,050.00 feet of said Government Lot 1;
17.11 thence South 89 degrees 08 minutes 51 seconds East along the south line of the North
17.12 1,050.00 feet of said Government Lot 1, a distance of 345.00 feet to the east line of said
17.13 Government Lot 1; thence North 0 degrees 46 minutes 09 seconds East, along the east line
17.14 of said Government Lot 1, a distance of 22.10 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to an
17.15 easement for ingress and egress over 66.00 feet in width, over, under, and across part of
17.16 Government Lot 1, Section 16, Township 55, Range 24. The centerline of said easement is
17.17 described as follows: commencing at the northeast corner of said Government Lot 1; thence
17.18 South 0 degrees 46 minutes 09 seconds West, bearing assumed, along the east line thereof,
17.19 a distance of 750.00 feet to the point of beginning of the centerline to be described; thence
17.20 North 89 degrees 08 minutes 51 seconds West, a distance of 845.00 feet; thence South 7
17.21 degrees 18 minutes 51 seconds East, a distance of 302.89 feet, and there terminating; and

17.22 (2) Lots 1 through 4 of Block 2 and Outlot "B," Loons Landing, according to the plat
17.23 thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Itasca County Recorder.

17.24 (d) The land borders Trout Lake. The Department of Natural Resources has determined
17.25 that the land is not needed for natural resource purposes and that the state's land management
17.26 interests would best be served if the land was returned to private ownership.

17.27 **Sec. 15. CONVEYANCE OF SURPLUS STATE LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**
17.28 **WATER; LAKE COUNTY.**

17.29 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45, 94.09, and 94.10, or any other
17.30 state law to the contrary and unless prohibited by federal law, the commissioner of natural
17.31 resources may convey to the city of Two Harbors for no consideration the surplus land that
17.32 is described in paragraph (c).

18.1 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general and must provide
18.2 that the proceeds of the sale of any portion of the land described in paragraph (c) by the city
18.3 be paid to the state. The attorney general may make changes to the land description to correct
18.4 errors and ensure accuracy.

18.5 (c) The land to be sold is located in Lake County and is described as:

18.6 (1) that part of Government Lot 1, Section 1, Township 52 North, Range 11 West of the
18.7 4th Principal Meridian, Lake County, Minnesota, lying southerly and easterly of the following
18.8 described lines: commencing at the center east 1/16 corner; thence along the North-South
18.9 1/16 line on an assumed bearing of North 00 degrees 46 minutes 07 seconds East 144.23
18.10 feet; thence North 67 degrees 30 minutes 43 seconds West 385.00 feet; thence North 22
18.11 degrees 29 minutes 17 seconds East 24.00 feet; thence South 67 degrees 30 minutes 43
18.12 seconds East 385.00 feet; thence easterly a distance of 232.90 feet along a tangential curve
18.13 concave to the North having a radius of 611.85 feet and central angle of 21 degrees 48
18.14 minutes 36 seconds; thence South 89 degrees 19 minutes 19 seconds East 1,015.67 feet;
18.15 thence South 00 degrees 40 minutes 41 seconds West 35.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees
18.16 19 minutes 19 seconds East 73.08 feet to the east line of said Government Lot 1 and the
18.17 point of beginning of said line; thence North 89 degrees 19 minutes 19 seconds West 877.08
18.18 feet; thence North 00 degrees 40 minutes 41 seconds East 11.00 feet; thence North 89
18.19 degrees 19 minutes 19 seconds West 28.86 feet; thence South 0 degrees 51 minutes 25
18.20 seconds West 19.82 feet to a 3/4-inch by 24-inch rebar marked "MN DNR LS 16098" (DNR
18.21 monument); thence continuing South 00 degrees 51 minutes 25 seconds West 484.06 feet
18.22 to a DNR monument; thence continuing South 00 degrees 51 minutes 25 seconds West 78
18.23 feet, more or less to the shore of Lake Superior and there terminating; containing 14.5 acres,
18.24 more or less (parcel identification number 23-7600-01415);

18.25 (2) that part of Government Lot 3, Section 6, Township 52 North, Range 10 West of the
18.26 Fourth Principal Meridian, described as follows: commencing at the West Quarter corner
18.27 of said Section 6 (northwest corner of said Government Lot 3); thence North 88 degrees 43
18.28 minutes 09 seconds East along the north line of said Government Lot 3 a distance of 485.19
18.29 feet; thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 16 feet, more or
18.30 less, to the south line of the northerly 16 feet of said Government Lot 3, being the point of
18.31 beginning of the parcel described herein; thence continuing South 00 degrees 20 minutes
18.32 34 seconds East a distance of 584 feet, more or less, to a line lying within 600 feet and South
18.33 of the North boundary of said Government 3; thence westerly, along said line, to the west
18.34 line of said Government Lot 3; thence northerly, along the west line of the said Government
18.35 Lot 3 to the south line of the northerly 16 feet of said Government Lot 3; thence easterly

19.1 along the south line of the northerly 16 feet of said Government Lot 3 to the point of
19.2 beginning; except minerals (parcel identification number 23-7600-06605);

19.3 (3) together with that part of Government Lot 3, Section 6, Township 52 North, Range
19.4 10 West of the 4th Principal Meridian, Lake County, Minnesota lying West of the following
19.5 described line: commencing at the West Quarter corner of said Section 6 (northwest corner
19.6 of said Government Lot 3); thence North 88 degrees 43 minutes 09 seconds East along the
19.7 north line of said Government Lot 3 a distance of 485.19 feet to the point of beginning of
19.8 said line; thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 766.64 feet;
19.9 thence South 54 degrees 38 minutes 48 seconds West a distance of 235 feet, more or less,
19.10 to the shore of Lake Superior, and there terminating, except that part lying within 600 feet
19.11 and South of the North boundary of said Government Lot 3; containing 2.4 acres, more or
19.12 less (parcel identification number 23-7600-06607); and

19.13 (4) that part of Government Lot 3, Section 6, Township 52 North, Range 10 West, of
19.14 the Fourth Principal Meridian, described as follows: commencing at the West Quarter corner
19.15 of said Section 6 (northwest corner of said Government Lot 3); thence North 88 degrees 43
19.16 minutes 09 seconds East along the north line of said Government Lot 3 a distance of 485.19
19.17 feet; thence South 00 degrees 20 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 766.64 feet, to a
19.18 5/8-foot rebar marked "RLS No. 16089," also being the point of beginning; thence South
19.19 25 degrees 10 minutes 17 seconds East a distance of 51.74 feet to a 3/4-inch by 12-inch
19.20 rebar marked "MN DNR LS 16098" (DNR monument); thence South 30 degrees 09 minutes
19.21 12 seconds East a distance of 583.16 feet to a DNR monument; thence South 88 degrees
19.22 01 minute 03 seconds West a distance of 124.04 feet to a DNR monument; thence South
19.23 07 degrees 58 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 517.23 feet to a DNR monument;
19.24 thence continuing South 07 degrees 58 minutes 29 seconds East a distance of 76 feet, more
19.25 or less, to the shoreline of Lake Superior; thence northwesterly, northerly, northeasterly,
19.26 and northwesterly a distance of 1,390 feet, more or less, along said shoreline to point which
19.27 bears South 54 degrees 38 minutes 48 seconds West from the point of beginning; thence
19.28 North 54 degrees 38 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of 25 feet, more or less, to a DNR
19.29 monument; thence continuing North 54 degrees 38 minutes 48 seconds East a distance of
19.30 210.00 feet to the point of beginning and there terminating (parcel identification number
19.31 23-7600-06611).

19.32 (d) The commissioner has determined that the land is no longer needed for any state
19.33 purpose and that the state's land management interests would best be served if the land was
19.34 conveyed to the city of Two Harbors.

20.1 Sec. 16. PRIVATE SALE OF SURPLUS STATE LAND; PINE COUNTY.

20.2 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 94.09 and 94.10, the commissioner of
20.3 natural resources may sell by private sale the surplus land that is described in paragraph (c),
20.4 subject to the state's reservation of a perpetual flowage easement.

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

20.7 (c) The land that may be sold is located in Pine County and is described as: the north 2
20.8 rods of the Southeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 38 North, Range 22 West, Pine
20.9 County, Minnesota.

20.10 (d) The Department of Natural Resources has determined that the land is not needed for
20.11 natural resource purposes and that the state's land management interests would best be
20.12 served if the land was returned to private ownership.

20.13 Sec. 17. LAND EXCHANGE; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.

20.14 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 92.461, and the riparian restrictions in
20.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 94.342, subdivision 3, St. Louis County may, with the approval
20.16 of the Land Exchange Board as required under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,
20.17 section 10, and according to the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, sections 94.342
20.18 to 94.347, exchange the land described in paragraph (c).

20.19 (b) The conveyance must be in the form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
20.20 general may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct errors and ensure
20.21 accuracy.

20.22 (c) The lands that may be conveyed are located in St. Louis County and are described
20.23 as:

20.24 (1) Sections 1 and 2, Township 53 North, Range 18 West;

20.25 (2) Sections 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32, Township 54 North, Range 17 West;

20.26 (3) Sections 24, 25, 26, and 35, Township 54 North, Range 18 West;

20.27 (4) Sections 22, 23, 26, and 27, Township 54 North, Range 19 West; and

20.28 (5) Sections 8, 9, 17, and 18, Township 55 North, Range 18 West.

21.1 **Sec. 18. LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

21.2 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, and any other law relating to the
21.3 apportionment of proceeds from the sale of tax-forfeited land, St. Louis County may deposit
21.4 proceeds from the sale of tax-forfeited lands into a tax-forfeited land acquisition trust fund
21.5 established by St. Louis County under this section. The principal and interest from the fund
21.6 may be spent on the purchase of lands better suited for retention and management by St.
21.7 Louis County. Lands purchased with money from the land acquisition trust fund must:

21.8 (1) become subject to a trust in favor of the governmental subdivision wherein the lands
21.9 lie and all laws related to tax-forfeited lands; and

21.10 (2) be used for forestry, mineral management, or environmental services.

21.11 **Sec. 19. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LANDS; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

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

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

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

21.18 (1) Lots 23 through 30, including part of adjacent vacant alley, Block 54, Bay View
21.19 Addition to Duluth No. 2, Township 49, Range 15, Section 11 (parcel identification number
21.20 010-0230-03300); and

21.21 (2) Lot 2, except the South 760 feet, Township 62, Range 20, Section 18 (part of parcel
21.22 identification number 430-0010-02916).

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

21.25 **Sec. 20. PRIVATE SALE OF SURPLUS LAND BORDERING PUBLIC WATER;**
21.26 **SHERBURNE COUNTY.**

21.27 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45, 94.09, and 94.10, the
21.28 commissioner of natural resources may sell by private sale the surplus land bordering public
21.29 water that is described in paragraph (c) for less than market value.

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

22.1 (c) The land that may be conveyed is located in Sherburne County and is described as:
22.2 that part of the North 595.50 feet of Government Lot 6, Section 31, Township 34 North,
22.3 Range 27 West, Sherburne County, Minnesota, lying southerly of the following described
22.4 line: commencing at a Minnesota Department of Conservation monument on the south line
22.5 of the said North 595.50 feet; thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes 17 seconds West, bearing
22.6 per plat of Eagle Lake Estates Boundary Registration, along said south line 71.28 feet to a
22.7 Judicial Land Mark; thence North 21 degrees 51 minutes 43 seconds West, along the easterly
22.8 line of Outlot A of said Eagle Lake Estates Boundary Registration 27.5 feet to the point of
22.9 beginning; thence North 80 degrees East 72 feet, more or less, to the shoreline of Eagle
22.10 Lake and there terminating.

22.11 (d) The Department of Natural Resources has determined that the land is not needed for
22.12 natural resource purposes and that the state's land management interests would best be
22.13 served if the land were returned to private ownership.

22.14 Sec. 21. **REPEALER.**

22.15 Laws 2012, chapter 236, section 28, subdivision 9, as amended by Laws 2016, chapter
22.16 154, section 11, and Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 4, article 4, section 7, is
22.17 repealed.

22.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

APPENDIX
Repealed Minnesota Session Laws: S3704-1

Laws 2012, chapter 236, section 28, subdivision 9, as amended by Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 4, article 4, section 7;

Sec. 28. **SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LEASED LANDS; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

Subd. 9. **Sunset.** This section expires ~~seven~~ ten years after the effective date.