

WHEREAS, Renville County has within its boundaries one of the most important historical sites in the State of Minnesota, the remnants of the Joseph R. Brown home; and

WHEREAS, Joseph R. Brown was one of the outstanding citizens of the State of Minnesota and the County of Renville, and was instrumental in establishing this section of the United States as a territory and later on as a State; and

WHEREAS, in August, 1882, there was fought along the Minnesota River valley, a battle with the Indians of great historical interest in which soldiers and pioneer citizens heroically fighting against overwhelming odds, laid down their lives and lost their property; and

WHEREAS, said home, by reason of its natural beauty and advantageous location, is eminently suitable for a shrine in that section of the state; and

WHEREAS, the owners of three acres of land more or less upon which the said Joseph R. Brown home is located have dedicated the same as a public park known as the Joseph R. Brown Memorial Park and have caused a plat thereof to be placed on file in the office of the register of deeds of Renville County; now therefore

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **Joseph R. Brown memorial park established.**—That said land upon which is located the home of the said Joseph R. Brown is designated as a state park to be known as the Joseph R. Brown Memorial Park. The state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to accept on behalf of the state a deed to said land so dedicated as such Joseph R. Brown Memorial Park.

Section 2. **Appropriation.**—The sum of \$500.00 is hereby appropriated out of the funds in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of reconstructing, repairing and improving the buildings and grounds of said Joseph R. Brown Memorial Park.

Approved July 23, 1937.

CHAPTER 88—H. F. No. 72

An act relating to the repurchase of land after forfeiture to the state in certain cases and providing that no sales shall be made under Chapter 407, Laws 1933, after September 1, 1937.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Owner may repurchase forfeited lands in certain cases.—The owner at the time of forfeiture of any parcel of land claimed by the state to have been forfeited to the state for the non-payment of taxes for one or more of the years 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1930, or his heirs or representatives, may repurchase the same prior to March 1, 1938, for three-fifths of the aggregate of all taxes and assessments accrued against said parcel at the time of forfeiture, less interest and penalties but including costs, unless prior to the passage of this act such parcel of land shall have been sold as provided by law. Upon such repurchase, any special assessments payable in 1937, and thereafter, on said parcel theretofore cancelled under Laws 1935, Chapter 386, or other law, shall be reinstated, and the auditor shall forthwith levy and assess against said parcel any special assessment which would have been levied and assessed payable in 1937, and thereafter, except for such forfeiture, and any such special assessment so reinstated or levied shall be paid at the time and manner in which said special assessment would have been payable except for said forfeiture: provided, however, that the special assessments payable in 1937 shall be paid in full, without penalty or interest, at the time of said repurchase. An owner so repurchasing a parcel of land shall pay interest upon the sum for which the parcel is repurchased at the rate of four percent per annum from the date of forfeiture.

Section 2. Payments.—Such owner shall pay at the time of repurchase not less than one-fifth of such repurchase price and shall pay the balance in ten equal annual installments, with the privilege of paying the unpaid balance in full at any time, with interest at the rate of four percent per annum on the balance remaining unpaid each year, both principal and interest to become due and payable on December 31st each year thereafter until fully paid. He shall pay the current taxes, each year thereafter, before the same shall become delinquent up to the time when he shall pay the repurchase price in full.

Section 3. Land subject to lease.—All such parcels of land shall be subject to lease under the provisions of Chapter 386, Laws of 1935, as amended, until repurchased.

Section 4. Payments to be made to county treasurer.—All payments under this act shall be made to the county treasurer of the county in which the parcel of land upon which such payments are made is located. Such payments shall be distributed by the county auditor among the taxing districts interested in the taxes and assessments on said parcel in the proportions of their respective interests.

Section 5. Tax commission to give quit claim deed.—The purchaser shall receive from the county auditor at the time of repurchase a receipt, in such form as may be prescribed by the Attorney General.

When the purchase price of a parcel of land shall be paid in full, the following facts shall be certified by the county auditor to the Minnesota Tax Commission: the descriptions of the land, the date of sale, the name of the purchaser and the date when the final installment of the purchase price is paid. Upon payment in full of the purchase price, the purchaser shall receive a quitclaim deed from the state, to be executed by the Tax Commission. Failure to pay any of the deferred installments, with interest and current taxes, on any parcel before they become delinquent, shall constitute default and upon such default all the right, title and interest of the purchaser or his heirs or representatives in such parcel shall terminate without the doing by the state of any act or thing whatsoever.

Section 6. Application of act.—This act shall not apply to lands within the Game Preserve established by Laws of 1929, Chapter 258, or conservation areas established by Laws of 1931, Chapter 407, or by Laws of 1933, Chapter 402, which included in the sum for which said lands were forfeited any ditch assessment.

Section 7. Timber not to be removed until payment is made in full.—When any forfeited lands are repurchased, as provided for in this act, no timber or timber products shall be cut and removed until the purchase price has been paid in full.

Section 8. No sales to be made under Chap. 407, Laws 1933, after Sept. 1, 1937.—No sales of any lands claimed by the state to have been forfeited to the state shall be made under Laws of 1933, Chapter 407, after September 1, 1937.

Section 9. Provisions severable.—If any section or part of this act shall be declared to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remainder of this act shall not be affected thereby.

Approved July 23, 1937.

CHAPTER 89—H. F. No. 91

An act to promote the public welfare by providing for the issuance of certificates of indebtedness and for the levying of taxes and authorizing the State Board of Investment to purchase said certificates of indebtedness and providing for the administration of said act by the Executive Council and appropriating money for the purposes of this act.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota: