

CHAPTER 293—S. F. No. 248.

An act to establish and dedicate the St. Croix State Park and authorizing acceptance of lands from the United States therefor.

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

Section 1. St. Croix State Park established—may accept lands from the United States government.—The Director of State Parks is hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the state from the United States, upon the conditions contained in the act of Congress approved June 4, 1942 (Public Law 594, 77th Cong., 2d Sess.), such title as the United States can convey to any lands in Pine County lying south of state trunk highway number 48, and within the area known as the St. Croix Recreational Demonstration Area. Such grant or deed may contain the express condition that the state as grantee shall use the property exclusively for public park, recreational, and conservation purposes, and that the United States shall assume no obligation for the maintenance or operation of the property after the acceptance of the deed.

Sec. 2. Lands withdrawn from sale.—All lands so received from the United States, together with all lands owned by the state, whether they be school or other trust fund lands, or lands which have forfeited to the state, or which hereafter become forfeited for non-payment of taxes, which are located within sections 32 and 34, township 41 north, range 17 west; sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36, township 41 north, range 18 west; sections 5, 8, 10, 11, and 16, township 40 north, range 18 west; sections 14, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 30 and 31, township 40 north, range 19 west; sections 5 and 8, township 39, north, range 19 west, are hereby withdrawn from sale and the same are set apart and established as a state park.

Sec. 3. Name.—The name of said park shall be the St. Croix State Park, and the same by this act hereby is dedicated to the perpetual use of the people as a public park.

Sec. 4. Director of state parks to quiet title to land.—The Director of State Parks is hereby authorized to initiate any legal action which in his opinion is desirable upon the advice of the Attorney General to cure any defects in title or perfect the title to any of the lands affected hereby and he may enter into negotiations to acquire any outstanding interests in such lands or the title to any privately owned lands completely surrounded by the lands dedicated to state park purposes hereby, and he may purchase such interests or lands with any funds made available to him for land acquisition by appropriation or by donation for that purpose.

Approved April 5, 1943.