

sheriff's or referees' certificates of sale on execution or foreclosure of a lien or mortgage, decrees and judgments, receivers' receipts, patents, and copies of town or village plats, in case the original plat filed in the office of the register of deeds has been lost or destroyed, and instruments releasing, removing and discharging reversionary and forfeiture provisions affecting title to land and instruments releasing, removing or discharging easement rights in land or building or other restrictions, may be recorded without such certificate; and, provided that instruments conveying land and, as appurtenant thereto an easement over adjacent tract or tracts of land, may be recorded without such certificate as to the land covered by such easement; and, provided, further, that any instrument granting an easement made in favor of any public utility in the nature of a right of way over, along, across or under a tract of land may be recorded without such certificate as to the land covered by such easement.

A violation of this section by the register of deeds or the registrar of titles shall be a gross misdemeanor, and, in addition to the punishment therefor, he shall be liable to the grantee of any instrument so recorded for the amount of any damages sustained.

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CHAPTER 476—H. F. No. 1066.

*An act relating to the Lac qui Parle and Big Stone Lake water control projects and appropriating money therefor.*

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

**Section 1. Commissioner of conservation may complete Lac qui Parle and Big Stone Lake projects.**—Inasmuch as the cessation of the work relief program of the Federal government and the entry of the United States into the present war prevented completion of certain contemplated features of the Lac qui Parle and Big Stone Lake water control projects heretofore undertaken by the executive council, in cooperation with Federal agencies, and it is desirable that such projects be completed in order to secure effective control and utilization of the waters affected for the purposes of prevention and control of floods, water conservation, improvement of conditions for game and fish, and other authorized public uses, the commissioner of conservation is authorized to construct all works and improvements pertaining or

incidental to said projects which he deems necessary for such purposes, and to maintain and operate the same so far as not transferred to the United States pursuant to law.

**Sec. 2. Powers of commissioner.**—The commissioner of conservation may use for any project herein authorized any land of the state under his jurisdiction or control so far as is not inconsistent with the laws governing the same, may acquire by purchase, gift, or condemnation any additional lands or interests in lands required for such projects, including lands or interests in adjacent states if authorized by the laws thereof, may accept gifts or grants of money or property from the United States or any other source for such projects, may use and apply any money or property so received in accordance with the terms of the gift or grant so far as is not inconsistent with the provisions of this act or other laws, may act in behalf of the state as sponsor for any such project undertaken or authorized by the United States, may make any sponsor's contributions required for any such project out of moneys appropriated by this act or otherwise made available therefor, and may cooperate with the United States or any adjacent state or any authorized agency of either in constructing, maintaining and operating any such project upon such terms and conditions as he may deem proper not inconsistent with the laws of this state.

**Sec. 3. May sell or lease land.**—The commissioner of conservation may, in behalf of the state, with the approval of the governor, sell or lease to the United States any part of the lands or interests in lands heretofore or hereafter acquired by the state for the purposes of such projects, with any structures or improvements thereon, upon such terms and conditions as he may deem proper, providing for the continued maintenance and operation of such projects for the purposes herein specified; provided that the provisions of this section shall not be deemed to repeal or supersede the provisions of Laws 1941, Chapters 142 and 518, with respect to lands or interests heretofore acquired, so far as applicable thereto; provided, that the governor shall not approve any such sale or lease without first consulting the legislative advisory committee and securing their recommendation, which shall be advisory only. Failure or refusal of the committee to make a recommendation promptly shall be deemed a negative recommendation.

**Sec. 4. Subdivision 1. Special funds created.**—There is hereby created a special fund to be known as the Lac qui Parle and Big Stone Lake Water Control Projects Fund, in which shall be placed all moneys heretofore or hereafter received for any lands or other property acquired by the state for the Lac qui Parle water control project and heretofore or hereafter sold or leased to

the United States pursuant to Laws 1941, Chapter 518, or otherwise, also all moneys heretofore or hereafter received from any source for the sale or lease under any other law of any lands or other property acquired by the state for either the Lac qui Parle or Big Stone Lake water control project, except as otherwise provided in Subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. **Funds transferred.**—All moneys in excess of \$2500 remaining June 30, 1943, and at the end of each fiscal year thereafter in the Lac qui Parle revolving fund designated by Laws 1941, Chapter 142, shall be transferred to said projects fund. When all the property authorized to be sold under said chapter has been sold and the proceeds have been received the executive council shall notify the State Auditor thereof. Thereupon the balance remaining in said revolving fund shall be transferred to said projects fund and said revolving fund shall be abolished.

Subd. 3. **Funds appropriated to commissioner.**—All moneys in said projects fund are hereby appropriated to the commissioner of conservation for the purposes of this act, to remain available therefor until expended hereunder or otherwise expressly disposed of by law; provided, that all expenditures hereunder shall be subject to the approval of the governor; provided, that the governor shall not approve any such expenditure without first consulting the legislative advisory committee and securing their recommendation, which shall be advisory only. Failure or refusal of the committee to make a recommendation promptly shall be deemed a negative recommendation.

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#### CHAPTER 477—H. F. No. 1104.

*An act relating to property of deceased persons and providing for the payment or delivery thereof to certain representatives of certain foreign countries.*

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

**Section 1. Property of deceased persons to be transferred to representatives of foreign countries in certain cases.**—Whenever any person who is declared by a decree of a probate court to be entitled to any property in an estate is a citizen of and a resi-