

expended for state aid roads, and a sum, not exceeding \$25,000, which is hereby appropriated annually from such fund, to reimburse the trunk highway fund for the cost of maintaining a county highway division in the department of highways, shall apportion the balance of the sum among the several counties of the state for county aid roads as herein provided in Sections 296.32 to 296.42 and the commissioner of highways shall forthwith send a statement of such apportionment to the state auditor and to the county auditor of each county showing the amount apportioned to each county during such year for county aid roads.

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#### CHAPTER 169—H. F. No. 481

*An act relating to state public lands sold and thereafter forfeited for nonpayment of taxes.*

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

Section 1. When certificate of release from trusts issued by commissioner. Whenever it shall appear (1) that the terms of a certificate of sale of state public lands have been fully complied with so as to have entitled the owner to a patent under the terms of the certificate, (2) that such patent has not been issued and (3) that after such compliance, such lands were forfeited to the state for nonpayment of taxes accruing after such compliance, the commissioner shall, upon resolution of the board of county commissioners of the county in which said lands lie, issue a certificate reciting that there was compliance with the terms of the certificate of sale prior to such forfeiture, and releasing such lands from the trust attached thereto prior to their sale as state public lands.

Sec. 2. Delivery of certificate. Such certificate shall be delivered to the county auditor and be by him placed on record with the register of deeds without payment of any recording fee.

Sec. 3. Status of other tax forfeited lands. Thereafter the title and status of such lands from the date of forfeiture shall be the same as that of other tax forfeited lands.

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