

last federal census of not less than 49,000, nor more than 50,000, and having not less than 24, nor more than 25, full and fractional townships. It shall be under control of an individual owner or manager and, if located in municipalities other than cities of the first, second, and [or] third class, it may be owned and operated by the municipality as the governing body thereof shall direct.

Approved March 24, 1953.

CHAPTER 148—H. F. No. 603

An act relating to the purchase and leasing of land for watch towers, warehouses or buildings of any kind for forestry purposes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 88.09, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 88.09, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Purchase or condemn.** The commissioner is also authorized on behalf of the state, where no suitable state lands are available, to purchase, lease or acquire easements on small tracts or parcels of lands, not exceeding 40 acres in area, or costing more than \$1,000 for any single tract, to be used as locations for watch towers, warehouses, or other buildings of any kind, or as locations for firebreaks, or for any other use in connection with his duties; also to acquire by condemnation any tract of land, not exceeding 40 acres, for these purposes; also to acquire, by gift, purchase, or condemnation, any easement or right of way that may be necessary to provide access to any tract of land so acquired.

Approved March 24, 1953.

CHAPTER 149—H. F. No. 767

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An act authorizing the commissioner of conservation to sub-divide and sell certain lands.

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

Section 1. **Subdivision of certain land in Lake County, sale.** The commissioner of conservation is hereby authorized to sub-divide into smaller parcels Lot One (1) of Section Six-

teen (16), Township Sixty (60) North, Range Ten (10) West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Lake County, Minnesota, and to sell any portion thereof not bordering on a meandered lake in the same manner as provided by law for the sale of other state lands.

Sec. 2. Buildings, separate appraisal. In the event that any building or buildings have been erected on said land, by mistake or otherwise, the value of such buildings shall be appraised separately; and if at the sale of such land the claimant of the building shall be the purchaser, he shall not be required to pay for such buildings. If a person other than such claimant shall purchase the land, such purchaser shall pay to the state at the time of the sale, in addition to all other required payments, the full amount for which such buildings were appraised and the amount so received by the state for such building or buildings shall be paid over to such claimant, his heirs, representatives or assigns by warrant drawn by the state auditor upon the state treasurer. All amounts received for such building or buildings are hereby appropriated for making such payments. The provisions of this section shall not apply unless the person seeking the benefits thereof shall make a proper affidavit to the commissioner of conservation showing that he is entitled thereto, before the first state public sale at which the land is offered for sale, and shall appear at such sale and offer to purchase the land for at least the appraised value thereof and all timber thereon, and make such purchase, if no higher bid be received.

Approved March 24, 1953.

CHAPTER 150—H. F. No. 768

An act relating to recording or filing affidavits of survivorship and certificates of death of joint tenants; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 600.21.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 600.21, is amended to read:

600.21 Copies, record of death. In all cases of joint tenancy in lands, and in all cases where any estate, title interest in, or lien upon, lands, has been or may be created, which estate, title interest, or lien was, or is, to continue only during the life of any person named or described in the instrument by which such estate, title, interest, or lien was created, a copy of the record of the death of any such joint tenant, or