

(5) For issuing each additional mortgagee's or lessee's duplicate, \$1.50;

(6) For issuing each residue certificate, \$3.00;

(7) For filing copy of will, with letters testamentary, or copy of letters of administration, and entering memorial thereof, \$3.00;

(8) For issuing separate certificates and duplicates thereof, in exchange for one certificate for two or more distinct parcels, for each exchange certificate, \$1.50.

(9) For each certificate showing condition of the register, \$1.50;

(10) For any certified copy of any instrument or writing on file in his office, the same fees allowed by law to registers of deeds for like services;

(11) For any other service under this chapter, such fee as the court shall determine.

Sec. 2. This act shall be in force and effect from and after July 1st, 1955.

Approved April 25, 1955.

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#### CHAPTER 805—S. F. No. 848

[Coded]

*An act relating to the leasing of state public lands for the cultivation and harvesting of stagnant swamp trees.*

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

Section 1. [88.651] **Trees in stagnant swamps; cultivation, harvesting.** The commissioner of conservation may lease as herein provided any state lands under his jurisdiction and control for the purposes of cultivating and harvesting stagnant swamp trees for Christmas trees or other decorative purposes, except lands included in a state park and except lands within the area defined by the Act of Congress approved July 10, 1930, Title 16, U. S. Code Annotated, Section 577. Such leases shall be offered at public sale upon like proceedings as provided by law for the sale of state timber. The appraisers in such proceedings shall determine and report the annual rental value of the land and the location, estimated quantity and stumpage value of the stagnant swamp trees and other merchantable timber thereon.

No bid shall be accepted which is for less than the ap-

praised price, and any bidding over and above the appraised price shall be by percentage, a per cent bid to be added to the appraised rental value of the land and stumpage value of the stagnant swamp trees in the same proportion, provided that if no bids are received on a parcel when offered, it may be leased at not less than the appraisal value at any time, within one year thereafter, without reoffering it for public sale.

Such leases shall be subject to the following restrictions:

(a) The commissioner, by written order, shall determine that the lands to be leased are not suitable for agricultural or forestry use other than the growing of stagnant swamp trees of no commercial value for other than decorative purposes, and that they are lands which, under the general policy of the conservation department, would not be offered for sale; that in the opinion of the commissioner, the use of such lands for the cultivation and harvesting of stagnant swamp trees is in the public interest and will best advance the conservation of the resources of the state.

(b) All such leases shall be subject to sale and leasing of the land for mineral purposes under legal provisions and shall also be subject to cancellation by the commissioner of conservation for mining or exploration purposes, upon three months' written notice, and shall be subject to cancellation by the commissioner for violation of any conditions of the lease after giving the lessee written notice of alleged violations and at least three months to rectify same.

(c) No such lease shall be made for a term to exceed fifteen (15) years.

(d) No individual, corporation or partnership shall hold at any one time, any lease or leases covering a total of more than 10,000 acres, and no lease shall cover a total of more than 5,000 acres. The lease shall specify the annual rental to be paid for the lands, and a stumpage value to be paid for stagnant swamp trees harvested therefrom.

(e) Such lease shall provide that before it becomes effective for any purpose, the lessee within 90 days from the date of purchase, shall give a good and valid bond to the State of Minnesota at double the sale value of all stumpage of stagnant swamp trees covered or to be covered by the lease.

(f) Such lease shall confer no rights to cut commercial timber other than the stagnant swamp trees.

(g) Such lease may prescribe such other terms and conditions as to the use and improvement of such lands, the manner of harvesting such trees, and other pertinent matter, as the commissioner deems in the public interest.

(h) Such lease shall be assignable only with the written approval of the commissioner of conservation endorsed thereon.

The form of the lease shall be approved by the Attorney General.

All moneys received under any such lease shall be credited to the fund to which the land belongs.

Approved April 25, 1955.

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CHAPTER 806—S. F. No. 957

[Coded]

*An act creating and permitting boards of county commissioners to activate single and multi-county park districts, providing for appointment and election of boards of park district commissioners and prescribing their powers and duties.*

Preamble:

Whereas there does exist a real need for large, wooded scenic parks and for access to natural facilities such as lakes and rivers within the State, and

Whereas the growing population and increased leisure time are constantly increasing the need for more and better park facilities where man's basic desire to get out into the open, away from the congestion and bustle of city life, can be conveniently satisfied, and

Whereas in many areas neither city park systems nor the state park system are able to meet this need, and

Whereas prompt action is required if large desirable tracts of land suitable for park facilities are to be preserved in their natural state and acquired at reasonable cost:

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

Section 1. [398.01] **Park districts.** There are hereby created, subject to activities by the Boards of County Commissioners as hereinafter provided, PARK DISTRICTS which are bodies corporate and politic and which, when activated, shall be deemed to be political subdivisions of the State of Minnesota and public corporations. Park Districts shall be of two kinds—single county, which shall be coterminous with a county except that in counties containing a city of the first class such city shall be excluded from the park district, and multi-county,