

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

Section 1. [84.027 Subd. 8.] **Selection of lands for certain purposes.** The commissioner of conservation may select from any available lands owned by the United States in this state such lands as he deems suitable in lieu of any deficiencies which may have occurred in grants of school lands or other lands heretofore made to the state under any act of congress, and may, with the approval of the executive council, accept on behalf of the state any grants or patents of land so selected issued by the United States to the state.

Sec. 2. This act shall not be deemed to amend, supersede, or repeal any existing law, but shall be supplementary thereto.

Approved April 16, 1953.

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#### CHAPTER 383—H. F. No. 1282

*An act extending the boundaries of the Savanna State Forest; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 89.021, Clause 24.*

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

Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 89.021, Clause 24, is amended to read:

24. **Savannah State Forest.** That portion of Township 48, Range 22, north of the present location of the Northern Pacific Railroad right of way; Townships 49, 50, 51 and 52, Range 22, except the North one-half of the Northeast quarter of Section 36, and the East one-half of the Southeast quarter and the North one-half of the Southwest quarter of Section 10, Township 49, Range 22; that portion of Township 48, Range 23, lying north of the present location of Northern Pacific Railroad right of way; Townships 49 and 50, Range 23; that portion of Townships 51 and 52, Range 23, lying east of the Mississippi River, except the North half of the Southwest quarter of Section 16, Township 52, Range 23; that portion of Townships 50 and 51, Range 24, lying east of the Mississippi River; all west of the 4th principal meridian.

*That part of Townships 51 and 52 lying westerly of the Mississippi River, Range 23; that part of Township 51 lying westerly of the Mississippi River and all of Township 52, Range 24; Townships 51 and 52, Range 25; Sections 1, 12, 13, 24, 25 and 36, in Township 51, and Sections 25 and 36 in*

*Township 52, Range 26; all west of the 4th principal meridian.*

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CHAPTER 384—H. F. No. 1285.

*An act relating to the terms of office of county highway engineers; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 162.11, Subdivision 2.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 162.11, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Qualifications.** Such county highway engineer may be selected from a list of eligible competent highway engineers, which list shall be submitted by the commissioner of highways to the county board in May of the year in which the term of office shall expire, and shall be appointed for a term of four years, *except that in counties over 150,000 population the term shall be two years*; provided, that when a new county highway engineer is appointed he may be appointed for one year only and thereafter his appointment shall be made as hereinbefore set forth. The county highway engineer shall be a citizen of the state and must have resided therein for not less than three years immediately preceding the date of his appointment. The salary of the county highway engineer shall be fixed by the county board and be payable the same as other county officers are paid. His salary shall not be reduced during his term term of office; provided, that the salary of the county highway engineer may be reduced in the same proportion as the salary of the county board in such county.

Any engineer employed by the state when properly certified by the commissioner of highways may be employed as county highway engineer and during the period of such employment and for the purposes of such employment he may be granted leave of absence from the state service, notwithstanding any limitation on leaves of absence contained in the civil service act.

The director of civil service shall allocate a state civil service classification to any county highway engineer as may be from time to time requested by the commissioner of highways. Such allocation shall be made on the same basis and subject to the same provisions of law as pertain to engineering and similar positions in the state classified service. The director shall give consideration to the education, professional attain-