

## CHAPTER 96—S. F. No. 355

*An act relating to mining leases principally valuable for sulphur ores contained in the lands covered thereby, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 93.24.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 93.24, is amended to read as follows:

**93.24. Mining of ores other than iron; iron sulphides.** Should gold, copper, silver, cobalt, coal, graphite, or manganese (four per cent or over, dried), or any other valuable mineral be believed to exist on lands included within a prospecting permit or lease, as heretofore authorized, the terms and conditions on which the same may be mined shall be agreed upon by the commissioner and the permit holder or lessee, and in case they are unable to agree each shall choose a referee. The two persons thus selected shall choose a third. The decision of this board shall be final and binding on the parties in interest. *Should iron sulphides or other sulphur ores be believed to exist on lands included within a prospecting permit or within a mining lease issued pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 93.20 or Section 93.283, the terms and conditions under which sulphur or sulphur products may be mined or produced therefrom shall be agreed upon by the commissioner and the permit holder or lessee, and in case they are unable to agree shall be determined by a board as above provided. Any iron or iron ore extracted from such sulphides or sulphur ores shall be paid for in accordance with the minimum schedule for taconite concentrates provided in Schedule 7 of Section 93.20. If, upon the application of the permit holder or lessee the commissioner shall determine that the lands covered by any mining permit or lease are principally valuable for the iron sulphides or other sulphur ores contained therein, and have no substantial value because of ores of the kind defined in Section 93.20, Schedules 1 to 6, inclusive, the annual rental required in any lease issued pursuant to such permit, or any lease modified as above provided, shall be \$400 per mining unit per year for the first ten years of said lease, and at the close of such period of ten years from the date of the lease the annual rental shall be \$1600 per mining unit, payable at the times and in the manner provided in Section 93.20 in cases of leases for the mining of taconite ore. Provided that, if, following the issuance of a lease so designated as an iron sulphide mining lease, additional information acquired by the commissioner of conservation shall disclose that such lands have merchantable deposits of iron ore of the classes defined*

*in Schedules 1 to 6, inclusive, of Section 93.20, which deposits, without reference to the iron sulphide in such lands, would give substantial value to such unit, the commissioner shall report the facts to the executive council. If the executive council, after hearing upon reasonable notice to the holder of such lease, shall determine that the lands covered by such lease contain merchantable deposits of iron ore which, without reference to iron sulphide ores in said lands, would give substantial value to the unit covered by such lease, then it may order the rental stipulated in such lease to be increased to the rate of \$5,000 per year, and such increased rental shall be payable for the period from and after the date of such order so made and until the merchantable deposit or deposits of such ores, other than iron sulphide ores, so found to exist in such lands have been exhausted; after which time said lower rates of annual rental shall be reinstated and again effective.*

Approved March 17, 1947.

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#### CHAPTER 97—S. F. No. 393

*An act relating to tax levies by counties for aid to county agricultural societies and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 38.27.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 38.27, is amended to read as follows:

#### 38.27. Tax levies for aid of county agricultural societies.

In addition to all other powers now or hereafter by law conferred upon county boards, authority hereby is given annually to levy a tax of not to exceed one-half mill upon all property subject to taxation and, from time to time, to appropriate and pay over the proceeds of this tax, when collected, to any county agricultural society of its county which is a member of the state agricultural society, to assist the society in paying its financial obligations now or hereafter incurred, and for the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repairs and improvements of necessary buildings.

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