

Lots numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, all within a subdivision of Government Lots Three (3) and Four (4) of Section Twenty-four (24) in Township One hundred two (102) North of Range Twenty-one (21) West of the 5th P.M., and Lots designated as A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I, all within a subdivision of Government Lot Two (2) in Section Nineteen (19) Township One hundred two (102) North of Range Twenty (20) West of the 5th P.M., and a tract of ten acres on Government Lot One (1) in Section Nineteen (19) Township One hundred two (102) North of Range Twenty (20) West of the 5th P.M.

This land, when acquired, shall be a state park to be known as *Helmer Myre State Park*, and shall be under the supervision and control of the commissioner of conservation as provided for other state parks.

Approved February 11, 1953.

CHAPTER 13—H. F. No. 193

An act authorizing park districts to sell, lease and convey real property; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 448.32, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 448.32, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 338, is amended to read:

448.32 Commission, powers. The park commission shall have power:

(1) To acquire by purchase, gift, devise, condemnation, or otherwise, land within its territorial limits or within two miles therefrom, for parks, boulevards, and ways and shall have sole and exclusive authority to maintain, govern, erect, and improve the same; and in any city of the *third* class in any county having a population of not less than 20,000 nor more than 30,000 inhabitants and not less than 80 nor more than 90 full and fractional Congressional townships, the park commission may dispose of such land; and may sell, lease and convey the same:

(2) To lay out, open, grade, curb, pave, and otherwise improve any path, way, or street in, through or around the parks and to construct, erect, build, maintain, manage, govern,

and erect any and all buildings, pavilions, playgrounds, pleasure grounds, or fields and such other improvements of a like character as may be deemed necessary;

(3) To pass all ordinances necessary, requisite and needful for the regulation and government thereof, and to make, change, and enforce any order with reference thereto;

(4) To levy special assessments on all property especially benefited by the purchase, opening, establishment, and improvement of the parks, boulevards, and ways or streets or ways about the same;

(5) To appoint such engineers, surveyors, clerks and other officers and employees, including such police force as may be necessary and to define and prescribe their respective duties and authority and to fix their compensation;

(6) To issue the negotiable bonds of the park district in a sum not to exceed two percent of the value of the taxable property therein situated, for the sole and exclusive purposes of purchasing and acquiring lands for parks, boulevards, and ways, and for the permanent improvement thereof, including the erection and construction of buildings, pavilions, playgrounds, and pleasure fields; provided the bonds shall not bear a rate of interest to exceed six per cent and that upon the affirmative vote of the electors of the district, as by law provided, the commission may be authorized to issue such bonds in an amount in the aggregate not to exceed five per cent of the assessed value;

(7) To levy taxes upon all the property within the district for the purpose of maintaining and improving said parks, boulevards and ways and to defray the expenses of the board; provided, that such tax so levied shall in no year exceed the sum of five mills on each dollar of the taxable property within the district;

(8) To establish building lines for all property fronting on any park, boulevard or way under the direction and control of the commission, and to control the subdivision and platting of property within 400 feet thereof;

(9) To borrow money in anticipation of taxes already levied to defray the expenses of the year and to issue therefor the notes of obligation of the district; and

(10) To connect any park or parks owned or controlled by it with any other park or parks, and for that purpose to select and take charge of any connecting street or streets or parts thereof, and the park commission shall have sole and ex-

clusive charge and control of the streets so taken.

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CHAPTER 14—S. F. 68

An act relating to the duties and responsibilities of the public examiner; and amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 215.03.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 215.03, is amended to read:

215.03 **Audit.** At least four times a year, without previous notice to the state treasurer, the public examiner shall examine and audit the accounts, books, and vouchers of the state treasurer, ascertain the amounts of the several funds which should be in the treasury, count the sums actually on hand, and make a record of the facts found. On or before the third day of each regular session the public examiner shall report to the legislature the results of such examinations and his doings in the premises. He shall also witness and attest the transfer of books, accounts, vouchers, and funds from the outgoing treasurer to his successor in office, verify the official record of all redeemed bonds, certificates of indebtedness, and interest coupons issued by the state; and, from time to time, shall cause to be destroyed all such obligations which shall have been redeemed for at least one year. A notation shall be made by the treasurer in his records of all such obligations destroyed and the public examiner shall certify to the correctness thereof. A copy of each such public examiner's certificate shall be filed with the auditor and treasurer.

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CHAPTER 15—S. F. 137

An act relating to the establishment of county ditches; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 106.251.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 106.251, is amended to read:

106.251 **Damages, payment.** When damages are awarded and duly confirmed, the county board of each county