

to the village of Big Falls the following described property located in Koochiching county, Minnesota, to wit: —

Government lot 8, section 34, township 155 north, range 25 west of the 5th P.M.

Sec. 2. Such deed shall be conditioned upon continued use of said property for a public purpose, and upon discontinuance for such use, the title to said property shall revert to the state of Minnesota.

Sec. 3. The conveyance authorized by this act shall be upon such terms and conditions as agreed upon between the commissioner of conservation and the village of Big Falls, and shall provide for the reservation of use and possession of said property by the state until the village of Big Falls gives the state notice it is ready to make immediate use of the property for public purposes.

Sec. 4. Such tract of land so conveyed shall be exempt from the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 92.45, but such conveyance shall not abrogate or abridge any right or interest of the public in waters bordering on said land or in the bed of such waters.

Approved March 20, 1963.

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#### CHAPTER 99—H. F. No. 1150

[Not Coded]

*An act proposing an amendment to the constitution of the state of Minnesota by adding thereto a new article prohibiting the amendment, modification, or repeal for a period of 25 years of Laws of Minnesota 1963, Chapter 81, relating to the taxation of taconite and semi-taconite, and facilities for the mining, production and beneficiation thereof; and to taxes imposed upon or required to be paid with respect to the mining, production or beneficiation of copper, copper-nickel, and nickel in this state.*

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

**Section 1. Taconite and semi-taconite; constitutional amendment.** An amendment to the constitution of the state of Minnesota by adding thereto a new article prohibiting the amendment, modification, or repeal for a period of 25 years of Laws of Minnesota 1963, Chapter 81, relating to the taxation of taconite and semi-taconite, and facilities for the mining, production and beneficiation thereof; and also authorizing the legislature to impose limitations for a period

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of not more than 25 years with respect to the taxes imposed upon or required to be paid with respect to the mining, production or beneficiation of copper, copper-nickel, and nickel, is hereby proposed to the people of the state of Minnesota for their approval or rejection, which amendment, if adopted, shall be known as Article XXI of the constitution of the state of Minnesota, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

### ARTICLE XXI

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, Laws of Minnesota 1963, Chapter 81, relating to the taxation of taconite and semi-taconite, and facilities for the mining, production and beneficiation thereof shall not be repealed, modified or amended, nor shall any laws in conflict therewith be valid, for a period of 25 years after the adoption of this amendment; and laws may be enacted, fixing or limiting for a period of not more than 25 years but not extending beyond the year 1990, the tax to be imposed upon persons or corporations engaged in (1) the mining, production or beneficiation of copper, (2) in the mining, production or beneficiation of copper-nickel, or (3) in the mining, production or beneficiation of nickel. Taxes imposed upon the mining or quarrying of taconite or semi-taconite and upon the production of iron ore concentrates therefrom, which are in lieu of a tax on real or personal property, shall not be considered to be occupation, royalty, or excise taxes within the meaning of this amendment.

Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the voters for approval or rejection at the general election for the year 1964 in the manner provided by law. The ballots used at the election shall have printed thereon:

“Shall the constitution of the state of Minnesota be amended by adding an article to be known as Article XXI prohibiting the amendment, modification, or repeal for a period of 25 years of Laws of Minnesota 1963, Chapter 81, relating to the taxation of taconite and semi-taconite and facilities for the mining, production and beneficiation thereof; and also authorizing the legislature to impose limitations for a period of not more than 25 years with respect to taxes imposed upon or required to be paid with respect to the mining, production and beneficiation of copper, copper-nickel and nickel?”

Yes\_\_\_\_\_

No\_\_\_\_\_”

Approved March 22, 1963.

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