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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Mining and Outdoor Recreation Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state lands; modifying provisions for sale of certain tax-forfeited
1.3 leased lands; authorizing sale and exchange of certain state land; amending Laws
1.4 2012, chapter 236, section 28, subdivisions 2, 5, 9.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2012, chapter 236, section 28, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Method of sale.** (a) The leaseholder of a leased parcel may purchase at
1.8 private sale the leased parcel and any other lands allocated to the parcel by the county
1.9 under subdivision 6 that is offered for sale under this section. The purchase price is the
1.10 appraised value of the land under subdivision 3 exclusive of improvements on it. To
1.11 purchase a parcel, a leaseholder must pay in cash to the county an amount equal to the
1.12 appraised value of the land within 180 days from the date of mailing to or service of notice
1.13 of appraised value to the leaseholder by the county. The 180-day period runs from the date
1.14 of mailing of a copy of the appraisal to the leaseholder at the address shown upon the most
1.15 recent lease agreement between the parties, exclusive of the date of mailing or service.
1.16 The county may use any alternative method of notice under the Minnesota Rules of Civil
1.17 Procedure for the service of a summons and complaint.

1.18 (b) If the leaseholder does not purchase the parcel so offered, the county may offer
1.19 the lands for sale at ~~public auction~~ under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section
1.20 282.01, subdivision 3 7. If a person other than the leaseholder purchases the parcel,
1.21 the purchaser must make payment in full to the leaseholder in the manner provided in
1.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 92.06, subdivision 4, for the value of any improvements as
1.23 determined under subdivision 3.

2.1 (c) Failure of a purchaser to comply with the terms of payment voids the sale and the
2.2 property may be reoffered for sale.

2.3 Sec. 2. Laws 2012, chapter 236, section 28, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

2.4 Subd. 5. **Survey.** (a) Prior to offering it for sale, St. Louis County shall have each
2.5 lot surveyed by a licensed surveyor, with the exception of those lots that do not have
2.6 adequate survey monumentation as determined by the county surveyor.

2.7 (b) The costs of the survey must be allocated by the county to the lots offered for
2.8 sale and the successful purchaser on each lot shall reimburse the county for the survey
2.9 costs allocated to the lot purchased. If no one purchases the lot, the county is responsible
2.10 for the survey costs. All surveying must be conducted by a licensed surveyor.

2.11 Sec. 3. Laws 2012, chapter 236, section 28, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

2.12 Subd. 9. **Sunset.** This section expires five seven years after the effective date.

2.13 Sec. 4. **PUBLIC SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LANDS BORDERING PUBLIC**
2.14 **WATER; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

2.15 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision
2.16 1, St. Louis County may sell under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes,
2.17 chapter 282, unleased tax-forfeited lakeshore lots that were surveyed at the time leased
2.18 tax-forfeited lakeshore lots were surveyed pursuant to Laws 2012, chapter 236, section 28.

2.19 (b) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would
2.20 best be served if the lands were returned to private ownership or conveyed to public entities.

2.21 Sec. 5. **EXCHANGE OF STATE LAND; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

2.22 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 92.461, and the riparian restrictions
2.23 in Minnesota Statutes, section 94.342, subdivision 3, the commissioner of natural resources
2.24 may, with the approval of the Land Exchange Board, as required under the Minnesota
2.25 Constitution, article XI, section 10, and according to the remaining provisions of Minnesota
2.26 Statutes, sections 94.342 to 94.347, exchange the land described in paragraph (c).

2.27 (b) The conveyance must be in the form approved by the attorney general. The
2.28 attorney general may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct errors
2.29 and ensure accuracy.

2.30 (c) The state lands that may be conveyed are located in St. Louis County and are
2.31 described as:

2.32 (1) Section 3, Township 54 North, Range 18 West; and

3.1 (2) Sections 4 and 9, Township 55 North, Range 18 West.

3.2 **Sec. 6. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**
3.3 **WATER; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

3.4 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision
3.5 1, and the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, St. Louis County
3.6 may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited land bordering public water that is described in
3.7 paragraph (c) under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282.

3.8 (b) The conveyances must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
3.9 general may make changes to the land descriptions to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

3.10 (c) The land to be sold is located in St. Louis County and is described as:

3.11 (1) Lot 1, including vacated avenue and part of adjacent street, Fond Du Lac, First
3.12 Street, city of Duluth, Section 7, Township 48, Range 15 (PID 010-1590-00010);

3.13 (2) Lot 3, including vacated avenue and part of adjacent street, Fond Du Lac, First
3.14 Street, city of Duluth, Section 7, Township 48, Range 15 (PID 010-1590-00020);

3.15 (3) Lot 5, including vacated avenue and part of adjacent street, Fond Du Lac, First
3.16 Street, city of Duluth, Section 7, Township 48, Range 15 (PID 010-1590-00030);

3.17 (4) that part of Lot 1 lying south of the Fond Du Lac Road, city of Duluth, Section 7,
3.18 Township 48, Range 15 (PID 010-2730-00890);

3.19 (5) that part of the easterly 260 feet of Lot 1 lying south of the Whiteface River, town
3.20 of Cotton, Section 12, Township 54, Range 17 (PID 305-0020-02158);

3.21 (6) Lot 1, except the southerly 1,120 feet, town of Cotton, Section 13, Township 54,
3.22 Range 17 (PID 305-0020-02168);

3.23 (7) Outlot B, Rest Haven Beach, town of Gnesen, Section 36, Township 52, Range
3.24 14 (PID 375-0060-01270);

3.25 (8) Lot 6, town of Ness, Section 7, Township 52, Range 19 (PID 470-0010-01130);

3.26 (9) Lot 7, except the railway right-of-way, 2.65 acres, town of Brevator, Section 16,
3.27 Township 50, Range 17 (PID 275-0013-01310);

3.28 (10) Lot 6, except the railway right-of-way, 3.17 acres, town of Brevator, Section 16,
3.29 Township 50, Range 17 (PID 275-0013-01260);

3.30 (11) that part of Lot 8 lying between the Great Northern railway right-of-way and
3.31 the bank of the St. Louis River, town of Brevator, Section 17, Township 50, Range 17
3.32 (PID 275-0014-00070);

3.33 (12) Lot 1 South of the St. Louis River, except the railway right-of-way and except
3.34 the easterly 375 feet and except the westerly 335 feet of the easterly 710 feet North of

4.1 the railway right-of-way, town of Arrowhead, Section 27, Township 51, Range 19 (PID
 4.2 225-0070-00010);

4.3 (13) Lot 2 South of the St. Louis River, except the railway right-of-way, 3.13 acres,
 4.4 town of Arrowhead, Section 26, Township 51, Range 19 (PID 225-0050-00010);

4.5 (14) Lot 4 South of the St. Louis River, except 2 acres for county road and except
 4.6 the railway right-of-way, 3.03 acres, town of Arrowhead, Section 25, Township 51, Range
 4.7 19 (PID 225-0030-00020);

4.8 (15) Lot 3 South of the St. Louis River, except the railway right-of-way, 3.02 acres,
 4.9 town of Arrowhead, Section 25, Township 51, Range 19 (PID 225-0030-00010);

4.10 (16) Lot 2, except the railway right-of-way, 1.70 acres, town of Stoney Brook,
 4.11 Section 12, Township 50, Range 18 (PID 535-0010-01800);

4.12 (17) an undivided 824/68040 interest in Lot 8, except the railway right-of-way, an
 4.13 undivided 525/68040 interest in Lot 8, except the railway right-of-way, and an undivided
 4.14 1/3402 interest in Lot 8, except the railway right-of-way, town of Culver, Section 28,
 4.15 Township 51, Range 18 (PIDs 310-0010-04620, 310-0010-04622, and 310-0010-04623);

4.16 (18) the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter lying East of Stoneybrook,
 4.17 Section 9, Township 50, Range 18 (PID 535-0010-01340);

4.18 (19) the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter lying South and East of
 4.19 Stoneybrook, Section 9, Township 50, Range 18 (PID 535-0010-01330);

4.20 (20) the South Half of the Southwest Quarter, Section 9, Township 50, Range 18
 4.21 (PID 535-0010-01420); and

4.22 (21) the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 16, Township 50,
 4.23 Range 18 (PID 535-0010-02470).

4.24 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would
 4.25 best be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

4.26 **Sec. 7. PUBLIC SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**
 4.27 **WATER; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

4.28 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision 1,
 4.29 St. Louis County may sell the tax-forfeited land bordering public water that is described
 4.30 in paragraph (c) under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282.

4.31 (b) The conveyances must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
 4.32 general may make changes to the land descriptions to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

4.33 (c) The land to be sold is located in St. Louis County and is described as:

4.34 (1) the West Half of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,
 4.35 Section 5, Township 50, Range 14 (PID 010-2710-01450);

- 5.1 (2) the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, town of Canosia, Section 22,
 5.2 Township 51, Range 15 (PID 280-0014-00220);
- 5.3 (3) the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, town of Canosia, Section 22,
 5.4 Township 51, Range 15 (PID 280-0014-00230);
- 5.5 (4) Lots 54, 55, and 56, Lalonde Beach, town of Fairbanks, Section 6, Township 56,
 5.6 Range 12 (PID 335-0050-00530);
- 5.7 (5) Lots 1 and 2, Sunnyside Park, town of Fine Lakes, Section 19, Township 50,
 5.8 Range 20 (PID 355-0030-00010);
- 5.9 (6) the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, town of Fredenberg, Section 10,
 5.10 Township 52, Range 15 (PID 365-0010-01640);
- 5.11 (7) the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, except the
 5.12 railway right-of-way, 1.52 acres, town of Great Scott, Section 35, Township 58, Range 19
 5.13 (PID 385-0010-04210);
- 5.14 (8) that part of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter lying West of the railway
 5.15 right-of-way and North of the river, except the easterly 800 feet, town of Meadowlands,
 5.16 Section 15, Township 53, Range 18 (PID 440-0020-02103);
- 5.17 (9) Government Lot 3, Section 5, Township 62, Range 13 (PID 465-0030-00770);
- 5.18 (10) Government Lot 4, Section 5, Township 62, Range 13 (PID 465-0030-00780);
- 5.19 (11) the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, town of
 5.20 Waasa, Section 13, Township 60, Range 14 (PID 565-0010-02060); and
- 5.21 (12) the North 5 acres of Lot 2, Fredenberg, Section 21, Township 52, Range 15
 5.22 (PID 365-0010-03680).
- 5.23 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would
 5.24 best be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

5.25 **Sec. 8. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

5.26 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282,
 5.27 or other law to the contrary, St. Louis County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited
 5.28 land described in paragraph (c).

5.29 (b) The conveyances must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
 5.30 general may make changes to the land descriptions to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

5.31 (c) The land to be sold is located in St. Louis County and is described as:

5.32 (1) Lot 7, Block 98, Neville Addition to Eveleth (PID 040-0145-01020);

5.33 (2) the northerly 550 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, town of
 5.34 Colvin, Section 21, Township 56, Range 15 (PID 300-0010-03322);

6.1 (3) Lot 8, Rearrangement Block 10, Ridgewood, city of Virginia, Section 18,
6.2 Township 58, Range 17 (PID 090-0145-00080);

6.3 (4) Lot 2, Block 4, Roosevelt Addition to Hibbing, city of Hibbing, Section 13,
6.4 Township 57, Range 21 (PID 140-0200-00960);

6.5 (5) the West 250 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 34,
6.6 Township 56, Range 17 (PID 690-0010-05735);

6.7 (6) that part of the Southeast Quarter which lies easterly, southerly, and westerly of
6.8 the following described line: commencing at the southeast corner of said Section 27; thence
6.9 North 89 degrees 35 minutes 54 seconds West, assigned bearing, along the south line of said
6.10 Section 27 1,786.84 feet to the point of beginning of the line to be described; thence North
6.11 15 degrees 17 minutes 23 seconds West 55.43 feet; thence North 80 degrees 58 minutes 22
6.12 seconds East 239.79 feet; thence North 42 degrees 41 minutes 33 seconds East 40.47 feet
6.13 to the southerly right-of-way line of North Water Hen Road as described in documents
6.14 numbered 0625886, 0575529, and 0571492; thence easterly along said southerly
6.15 right-of-way of North Water Hen Road to said south line of Section 27 and said line there
6.16 terminating, town of Ellsburg, Section 27, Township 55, Range 16 (PID 302-0010-04460);

6.17 (7) Lot 10, except the East 10 feet, Block 2, city of Aurora, Section 9, Township
6.18 58, Range 15 (PID 100-0030-00340); and

6.19 (8) all or part of Lot 4, except 2.71 acres for road, town of Linden Grove, Section 2,
6.20 Township 62, Range 20 (PID 430-0010-00220).

6.21 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would
6.22 best be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.