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STATE OF MINNESOTA
EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

S.F. No. 2522

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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state lands; modifying land exchange provisions; providing for certain
1.3 compensation; authorizing public and private sales of certain tax-forfeited land;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 94.342, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 94.342, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 **Subd. 7. Exception for riparian land in Boundary Waters Canoe Area**

1.9 **Wilderness.** Notwithstanding subdivision 3, any state-owned riparian land within the
1.10 Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness may be given in exchange for nonriparian land
1.11 outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

1.12 **Sec. 2. LAKE COUNTY LAND EXCHANGE.**

1.13 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 85.012, subdivision 1, the
1.14 commissioner of natural resources shall compensate Lake County or exchange state land
1.15 of substantially equal value for any tax-forfeited land administered by Lake County
1.16 encompassed by any boundary change to Split Rock Lighthouse State Park that adds the
1.17 Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast
1.18 Quarter, all in Section 32, Township 55 North, Range 8 West, to the park.

1.19 **Sec. 3. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

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

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

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

2.5 (1) Lot 90, Block 75, Duluth Proper Third Division, except the West six feet of the
2.6 South 50 feet of the West Half, Section 28, Township 50 North, Range 14 West;

2.7 (2) the northerly 100 feet of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, except
2.8 the westerly 233 feet, and except the easterly 1,037 feet, Section 14, Township 51 North,
2.9 Range 13 West;

2.10 (3) the South 150 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 5,
2.11 Township 55 North, Range 18 West;

2.12 (4) the West 33 feet of the North 208 feet of the South 1,040 feet of the Northwest
2.13 Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 7, Township 60 North, Range 13 West;

2.14 (5) the North 45.27 feet of the South 1,085.27 feet of the West 449 feet of the
2.15 Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 7, Township 60 North, Range 13
2.16 West;

2.17 (6) the West 33 feet of the North 208 feet of the South 832 feet of the Northwest
2.18 Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 7, Township 60 North, Range 13 West;

2.19 (7) the West 33 feet of the North 208 feet of the South 624 feet of the Northwest
2.20 Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 7, Township 60 North, Range 13 West;

2.21 (8) the West 33 feet of the South 416 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast
2.22 Quarter, Section 7, Township 60 North, Range 13 West; and

2.23 (9) part of the South Half of the Southwest Quarter, Section 20, Township 58 North,
2.24 Range 15 West.

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

2.27 Sec. 4. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**
2.28 **WATER; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

2.29 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision
2.30 1, and the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, St. Louis County
2.31 may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited land bordering public water that is described in
2.32 paragraph (c), under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282.

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

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

3.2 (1) Lot 4, Block 4, Greenwood Beach, town of Duluth, Section 19, Township 51
3.3 North, Range 12 West;

3.4 (2) beginning at the southwest corner of Lot 4, running thence East 450 feet; thence
3.5 North 200 feet; thence West 450 feet; thence South along the section line 200 feet to the
3.6 point of beginning, except the northerly 40 feet, Section 7, Township 54 North, Range
3.7 19 West;

3.8 (3) the South 560 feet of the East 300 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast
3.9 Quarter, except the highway right-of-way and except the North 315 feet, Section 22,
3.10 Township 61 North, Range 20 West;

3.11 (4) an undivided 1/24 interest in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter,
3.12 Section 8, Township 50 North, Range 18 West;

3.13 (5) an undivided 2/15 interest in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter,
3.14 Section 20, Township 50 North, Range 18 West;

3.15 (6) an undivided 1/3 interest in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,
3.16 Section 21, Township 50 North, Range 18 West;

3.17 (7) an undivided 1/45 interest in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,
3.18 Section 29, Township 50 North, Range 18 West;

3.19 (8) an undivided 1/12 interest in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter,
3.20 Section 25, Township 50 North, Range 19 West;

3.21 (9) an undivided 1/12 interest in the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter,
3.22 Section 25, Township 50 North, Range 19 West;

3.23 (10) an undivided 1369/68040 interest in Lot 8, except the railway right-of-way,
3.24 Section 28, Township 51 North, Range 18 West; and

3.25 (11) that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 10,
3.26 Township 63 North, Range 18 West, St. Louis County, Minnesota, described as follows:

3.27 Assuming the northeast line of Lot 9 in the plat of MANNIKKO (PINE RIDGE) to
3.28 bear North 54 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds West, and COMMENCING from the most
3.29 northerly corner of said Lot 9 run North 28 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds East, a distance
3.30 of 107.39 feet; thence South 28 degrees 12 minutes 30 seconds West, a distance of 28.19
3.31 feet; thence South 86 degrees 24 minutes 10 seconds West, a distance of 82.17 feet; thence
3.32 South 77 degrees 07 minutes 31 seconds West, a distance of 77.70 feet; thence South 82
3.33 degrees 40 minutes 33 seconds West, a distance of 83.09 feet; thence South 71 degrees 26
3.34 minutes 45 seconds West, a distance of 190.55 feet; thence North 70 degrees 55 minutes
3.35 26 seconds West, a distance of 76.14 feet to a point on a nontangential curve, the center
3.36 of which bears North 35 degrees 10 minutes 49 seconds West, being also a point on the

4.1 east right-of-way of "Phillips Road" as it exists in January of 1995; thence northerly along
4.2 said east right-of-way, on said nontangential curve, concave to the West, central angle of
4.3 88 degrees 57 minutes 37 seconds, radius of 90.00 feet, a distance of 139.74 feet; thence
4.4 North 34 degrees 08 minutes 26 seconds west, along said east right-of-way, a distance of
4.5 105.00 feet to a tangential curve; thence northerly along said east right-of-way on said
4.6 tangential curve, concave to the East, central angle 69 degrees 38 minutes 31 seconds,
4.7 radius 68.00 feet, a distance of 82.65 feet to a point of reverse curve; thence northerly
4.8 along said east right-of-way, on said reverse curve, concave to the West, central angle of
4.9 18 degrees, more or less, radius of 116.25 feet, a distance of 36.5 feet, more or less, to
4.10 the south line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the POINT OF
4.11 BEGINNING of the land being described; thence northerly, continuing along said curve, a
4.12 distance of 96.2 feet; thence North 29 degrees 54 minutes 20 seconds West, tangent to said
4.13 curve and along said east right-of-way, a distance of 16.32 feet; thence South 89 degrees
4.14 42 minutes 44 seconds East, a distance of 943.3 feet, more or less, to the east line of
4.15 said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence southerly, along said east line, a
4.16 distance of 30 feet, more or less, to the shore of Lake Vermilion; thence southerly, along
4.17 said shore, a distance of 100 feet, more or less, to the south line of said Southeast Quarter
4.18 of the Northeast Quarter; thence westerly, along said south line, a distance of 880 feet,
4.19 more or less, to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 2.5 acres, more or less.

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

4.22 **Sec. 5. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**
4.23 **WATER; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

4.24 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision
4.25 1, and the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, St. Louis County
4.26 may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited land bordering public water that is described in
4.27 paragraph (c), under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282.

4.28 (b) The conveyances must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The
4.29 attorney general may make changes to the land descriptions to correct errors and
4.30 ensure accuracy. Prior to the sales, the commissioner of revenue shall grant permanent
4.31 conservation easements according to Minnesota Statutes, section 282.37. The easements
4.32 shall be up to 200 feet in width, lying 100 feet, to the extent possible given the location
4.33 of property lines, on each side of the centerline of the designated trout stream to provide
4.34 riparian protection and angler access.

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

5.1 (1) Lot 22, Block 1, Wonderland 1st Addition, town of Duluth, except the highway
5.2 right-of-way and including part of the adjacent vacated road, Section 17, Township 51
5.3 North, Range 12 West; and

5.4 (2) that part of the southerly 135 feet of the northerly 543 feet of the Northwest
5.5 Quarter of the Southwest Quarter lying East of the westerly 968 feet and West of the
5.6 Sucker River, Section 30, Township 52 North, Range 12 West.

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

5.9 **Sec. 6. PUBLIC SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**
5.10 **WATER; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

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

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

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

5.18 (1) the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest
5.19 Quarter, Section 25, Township 51 North, Range 14 West, subject to an existing easement;

5.20 (2) the North 407 feet of that part of Lot 4 lying South of the east and west centerline
5.21 of Section 20, Section 20, Township 51 North, Range 16 West;

5.22 (3) Lots 1, 2, and 3, Childs Birch Grove Tracts, Grand Lake, Section 20, Township
5.23 51 North, Range 16 West;

5.24 (4) Lots 28 and 29, Briar Lake Shores 3rd Addition, North Star, Section 15,
5.25 Township 53 North, Range 13 West; and

5.26 (5) the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 26,
5.27 Township 60 North, Range 17 West.

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

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

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

6.1 (b) The conveyances must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The
6.2 attorney general may make changes to the land descriptions to correct errors and
6.3 ensure accuracy. Prior to the sales, the commissioner of revenue shall grant permanent
6.4 conservation easements according to Minnesota Statutes, section 282.37. The easements
6.5 shall be up to 200 feet in width, lying 100 feet, to the extent possible given the location
6.6 of property lines, on each side of the centerline of the designated trout stream to provide
6.7 riparian protection and angler access. For the parcels described in paragraph (c), clauses
6.8 (6) and (7), a 33-foot strip across the easement shall be allowed for road access and utilities.

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

6.10 (1) the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, except 4.56 acres for a road and
6.11 except that part lying South and West of Highway 2, Section 8, Township 50 North,
6.12 Range 16 West;

6.13 (2) the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, except the
6.14 railway right-of-way and except the highway right-of-way, Section 17, Township 51
6.15 North, Range 12 West;

6.16 (3) the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest
6.17 Quarter, Section 25, Township 51 North, Range 14 West;

6.18 (4) the West Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest
6.19 Quarter, Section 25, Township 51 North, Range 14 West;

6.20 (5) the West five acres of the South 15 acres of the North 30 acres of the Northeast
6.21 Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 27, Township 51 North, Range 14 West;

6.22 (6) the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest
6.23 Quarter, Section 27, Township 51 North, Range 14 West; and

6.24 (7) the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest
6.25 Quarter, except the West 25 feet, Section 27, Township 51 North, Range 14 West.

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

6.28 **Sec. 8. PUBLIC SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**
6.29 **WATER; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

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

6.33 (b) The conveyances must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The
6.34 attorney general may make changes to the land descriptions to correct errors and
6.35 ensure accuracy. Prior to the sales, the commissioner of revenue shall grant permanent

7.1 conservation easements according to Minnesota Statutes, section 282.37. The easements
7.2 shall be 150 feet in width, lying 75 feet on each side of the centerline of the stream to
7.3 provide riparian protection and angler access. For the parcel described in paragraph (c),
7.4 clause (4), a 33-foot strip across the easement shall be allowed for road access and utilities.

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

7.6 (1) the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, except the North Half, Section
7.7 15, Township 50 North, Range 15 West;

7.8 (2) the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 19, Township 53 North,
7.9 Range 20 West;

7.10 (3) the westerly 330 feet of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest
7.11 Quarter, Section 11, Township 56 North, Range 20 West; and

7.12 (4) the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, except the South Half of the
7.13 Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and except the North ten acres, Section
7.14 34, Township 50 North, Range 15 West.

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

7.17 **Sec. 9. PUBLIC SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**
7.18 **WATER; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

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

7.22 (b) The conveyances must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The
7.23 attorney general may make changes to the land descriptions to correct errors and
7.24 ensure accuracy. Prior to the sales, the commissioner of revenue shall grant permanent
7.25 conservation easements according to Minnesota Statutes, section 282.37. For the parcel
7.26 described in paragraph (c), clause (1), the easement must be 100 feet in width from the
7.27 centerline of the designated trout stream to provide riparian protection and angler access.
7.28 For the parcel described in paragraph (c), clause (2), the easement must be 200 feet in
7.29 width from the centerline of the stream to provide riparian protection and angler access.

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

7.31 (1) Lots 511 through 515, Homecroft Park, town of Rice Lake, Section 34, Township
7.32 51 North, Range 14 West; and

7.33 (2) that part of the Lot 2 lying East of a line parallel with and 150 feet East of the
7.34 centerline of the Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway, Section 17, Township 51
7.35 North, Range 17 West.

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

8.3 Sec. 10. **PUBLIC SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**
8.4 **WATER; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

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

8.8 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney
8.9 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.
8.10 The conveyance must include a deed restriction that prohibits buildings, structures, tree
8.11 cutting, removal of vegetation, and shoreland alterations within an area 100 feet in width,
8.12 lying 50 feet on each side of the centerline of streams that are tributaries to the Sand River.

8.13 (c) The land to be sold is located in St. Louis County and is described as: the North
8.14 416 feet of the East 416 feet of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section
8.15 10, Township 59 North, Range 17 West.

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

8.18 Sec. 11. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8.19 Sections 3 to 10 are effective the day following final enactment.