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STATE OF MINNESOTA
EIGHTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to state lands; authorizing public or private sale of tax-forfeited lands
 1.3 bordering public waters.

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

1.5 Section 1. **PUBLIC SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC**
 1.6 **WATER; LAKE COUNTY.**

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision 1,
 1.8 Lake County may sell the tax-forfeited lands bordering public water that are described in
 1.9 paragraph (c) under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282.

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

1.12 (c) The lands to be sold are located in Lake County and are described as:

1.13 (1) part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 2, Township
 1.14 58 North, Range 6 West;

1.15 (2) the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 5, Township 63 North,
 1.16 Range 9 West; and

1.17 (3) the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 5, Township 63 North,
 1.18 Range 9 West.

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

1.21 Sec. 2. **PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND**
 1.22 **BORDERING PUBLIC WATER; LAKE COUNTY.**

2.1 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision 1,
2.2 and the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, Lake County may sell
2.3 by public or private sale the tax-forfeited lands bordering public water that are described
2.4 in paragraph (c) under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282.

2.5 (b) The conveyances must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The
2.6 attorney general may make changes to the land descriptions to correct errors and ensure
2.7 accuracy. If land described under paragraph (c) is sold by private sale, the land may be
2.8 sold for less than the appraised value if the conveyance provides that the land reverts to
2.9 the state if the land is not used as a data center or for another economic development
2.10 purpose approved by the county. Prior to the sales, the commissioner of revenue shall
2.11 grant permanent conservation easements according to Minnesota Statutes, section 282.37,
2.12 for the lands described in paragraph (c). The easements shall serve to provide riparian
2.13 protection and access for anglers and for future restoration work. The easement for the
2.14 land described in paragraph (c), clause (1), shall be lying easterly of the centerline of the
2.15 Little West Branch Knife River and lying 75 feet in width westerly of the centerline of
2.16 the river. The easements for the lands described in paragraph (c), clauses (2) and (3),
2.17 shall be lying 75 feet in width on each side of the centerline of the unnamed creek and
2.18 a 33-foot strip across the easement is allowed for road access and utilities at a location
2.19 agreed upon by the county and the state.

2.20 (c) The lands to be sold are located in Lake County and are described as:

2.21 (1) the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 6, Township 52 North,
2.22 Range 11 West;

2.23 (2) the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 6, Township 52 North,
2.24 Range 11 West; and

2.25 (3) the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 6, Township 52 North,
2.26 Range 11 West.

2.27 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would
2.28 best be served if the lands were returned to private ownership for economic development.