

## CHAPTER 381—S. F. No. 647

*An act relating to public lands and the sale thereof in conservation areas, amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Sections 282.15, 282.17 and 282.19.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 282.15, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**282.15. Sales of forfeited lands.** Such sale shall be conducted by the auditor of the county wherein such parcels lie and shall be sold to the highest bidder but not for less than the appraised value. Such sales shall be for cash or on the following terms: The appraised value of all merchantable timber on such agricultural lands shall be paid for in full at the date of sale. At least 15 per cent of the purchase price of the land shall be paid in cash at the time of purchase, and the balance in not to exceed 20 equal annual instalments, with interest at the rate of four per cent per annum on the unpaid balance each year, both principal and interest to become due and payable on December thirty-first each year following that in which the purchase was made. The purchaser may pay any number of instalments of principal and interest on or before their due date. When the sale is on terms other than for cash in full the purchaser shall receive from the county auditor a contract for deed, in such form as shall be prescribed by the attorney general. The county auditor shall make a report to the commissioner of conservation not more than 30 days after each public sale, showing the lands sold at such sales, and submit a copy of each contract of sale.

All lands sold pursuant to the provisions hereof shall, on the first day of May following the date of such sale, be restored to the tax rolls and become subject to taxation in the same manner as the same were assessed and taxed before becoming the absolute property of the state.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 282.17, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**282.17. Cancellation of contracts.** If the purchaser shall default in the payment of any instalment or of any interest when due, or shall fail to pay before they become delinquent all taxes that may be levied upon the lands so purchased, the contract shall be canceled in the manner now or hereafter provided by law for the cancellation of certificates of sale of lands forfeited to the state for delinquent taxes and thereupon the land described in the contract shall be subject to disposi-

tion as provided in sections 282.15 and 282.16, *upon first having been reclassified and re-appraised as provided by section 282.14.*

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 282.19, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**282.19. County treasurer to collect payments.** The county treasurer shall collect all payments made under sections 282.14 to 282.22 and place the same in a special fund and *forthwith submit to the conservation commissioner a receipt specifying the name and address of the person making the payment and the date and amount thereof, whether for principal, timber, improvements or interest, the fund to which it is applicable, and the number of the certificate. Such receipt shall be countersigned by the auditor of such county, and shall have the same force and effect as if given by the state treasurer. The county treasurer shall report all collections to the commissioner of conservation on June 30 and December 31 of each year and at such other times when requested by the commissioner.* There shall be transferred from such special fund to the revenue fund of the county the cost of giving the notices herein required and there shall be paid from such fund to the members of the county board, upon warrant of the county auditor, \$3.00 per day for each day necessarily consumed in the classification and appraisal of the lands under sections 282.14 to 282.22 and mileage at the rate of five cents per mile for necessary travel. The amount remaining in the fund shall be transmitted by the county treasurer to the *commissioner of conservation as of June 30 and December 31 each year, and at such other times when requested by the commissioner, and disposed of as provided by the laws governing the funds derived from the respective areas in which the lands sold were situated.*

Approved April 18, 1945.

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#### CHAPTER 382—S. F. No. 648

*An act relating to public lands and the sale thereof, amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 92.24.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 92.24, is hereby amended to read as follows: