

relocation of such tracks. Such acquisition is deemed to be for a trunk highway purpose. The commissioner and the railroad company shall mutually agree whether the replacement lands will be provided by the commissioner or acquired by the railroad company.

Presented to the governor May 23, 2003

Signed by the governor May 25, 2003, 9:58 p.m.

CHAPTER 103—H.F.No. 624

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CHAPTER 104—H.F.No. 414

An act relating to natural resources; updating soil and water conservation district law; changing requirements for petitions and elections relating to soil and water conservation districts; clarifying removal provisions for soil and water conservation district supervisors; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 103A.206; 103C.005; 103C.101, subdivisions 6, 9, by adding a subdivision; 103C.201, subdivisions 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8; 103C.205; 103C.211; 103C.225, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 8; 103C.305, subdivision 1; 103C.311, subdivisions 1, 2; 103C.315, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5; 103C.331, subdivisions 11, 12, 19, by adding a subdivision; 103C.401, subdivisions 1, 2; 351.14, subdivision 5; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 103C.301.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 103A.206, is amended to read:

103A.206 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION POLICY.

Improper land use practices have caused serious wind and water erosion of the land of this state, the runoff of polluting materials, increased costs to maintain agricultural productivity, increased energy costs and increased flood damage. Maintaining and enhancing the quality of soil and water for the environmental and economic benefits they produce, preventing degradation, and restoring degraded soil and water resources of this state contribute greatly to the health, safety, economic well-being, and general welfare of this state and its citizens. Land occupiers have the responsibility to implement practices to correct these conditions and that conserve the soil and water resources of the state. It is Soil and water conservation measures implemented on private lands in this state provide benefits to the general public by reducing erosion,

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