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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 372

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state lands; providing for public sale of certain tax-forfeited lands
1.3 bordering public waters in Itasca County; allowing for private sale of certain
1.4 lands in Itasca County that were reserved in previous tax-forfeited land sales.

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

1.6 Section 1. SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC
1.7 WATERS; ITASCA COUNTY.

1.8 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision 1,
1.9 Itasca County may sell the tax-forfeited land bordering public waters that is described in
1.10 paragraph (c).

1.11 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The
1.12 attorney general may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct errors
1.13 and ensure accuracy.

1.14 (c) The land to be sold is in Itasca County and is described as: the East Half of Lot 2,
1.15 Section 23, Township 60 North, Range 27 West (property number 38.123.1301).

1.16 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would be
1.17 best served if the land was returned to private ownership.

1.18 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.19 Sec. 2. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND; ITASCA COUNTY.

1.20 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale and the timber value appraisal provisions of
1.21 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, Itasca County may sell by private sale to the adjoining
1.22 landowner the tax-forfeited lands that were reserved in a previous tax-forfeited land sale
1.23 and that are described in paragraph (c), under the remaining provisions of Minnesota

2.1 Statutes, chapter 282. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 282.01, subdivision 3,
2.2 paragraph (b), the land may be sold for the appraised value without an appraisal of the
2.3 timber value.

2.4 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The
2.5 attorney general may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct errors
2.6 and ensure accuracy.

2.7 (c) The lands to be sold are lands reserved from previous tax-forfeited land sales
2.8 that are within 50 feet of the centerline of any legal highway or any legal roadway with
2.9 public use.

2.10 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would
2.11 be best served if the lands were returned to private ownership. The lands to be sold have
2.12 not been treated as separate parcels and have been taxed as private land since they were
2.13 reserved from sale.