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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2162

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state lands; allowing county boards to spend net proceeds from sale of
1.3 tax-forfeited land for certain purposes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section
1.4 282.08.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 282.08, is amended to read:

1.7 282.08 APPORTIONMENT OF PROCEEDS TO TAXING DISTRICTS.

1.8 The net proceeds from the sale or rental of any parcel of forfeited land, or from the sale
1.9 of products from the forfeited land, must be apportioned by the county auditor to the taxing
1.10 districts interested in the land, as follows:

1.11 (1) the portion required to pay any amounts included in the appraised value under section
1.12 282.01, subdivision 3, as representing increased value due to any public improvement made
1.13 after forfeiture of the parcel to the state, but not exceeding the amount certified by the
1.14 appropriate governmental authority must be apportioned to the governmental subdivision
1.15 entitled to it;

1.16 (2) the portion required to pay any amount included in the appraised value under section
1.17 282.019, subdivision 5, representing increased value due to response actions taken after
1.18 forfeiture of the parcel to the state, but not exceeding the amount of expenses certified by
1.19 the Pollution Control Agency or the commissioner of agriculture, must be apportioned to
1.20 the agency or the commissioner of agriculture and deposited in the fund from which the
1.21 expenses were paid;

2.1 (3) the portion of the remainder required to discharge any special assessment chargeable
2.2 against the parcel for drainage or other purpose whether due or deferred at the time of
2.3 forfeiture, must be apportioned to the governmental subdivision entitled to it; and

2.4 (4) any balance must be apportioned as follows:

2.5 (i) The county board may annually by resolution set aside no more than 30 percent of
2.6 the receipts remaining to be used for forest development on tax-forfeited land and dedicated
2.7 memorial forests, to be expended under the supervision of the county board. It must be
2.8 expended only on projects improving the health and management of the forest resource.

2.9 (ii) The county board may annually by resolution set aside no more than 20 percent of
2.10 the receipts remaining to be used for the acquisition and maintenance of county parks or
2.11 recreational areas as defined in sections 398.31 to 398.36, to be expended under the
2.12 supervision of the county board.

2.13 (iii) The county board may by resolution set aside up to 100 percent of the receipts
2.14 remaining to be used:

2.15 (1) according to section 282.09, subdivision 2;

2.16 (2) for remediating contamination at tax-forfeited properties; or

2.17 (3) for correcting blighted conditions at tax-forfeited properties.

2.18 An election made under this item is effective for a minimum of five years, unless the county
2.19 board specifies a shorter duration.

2.20 (iv) Any balance remaining must be apportioned as follows: county, 40 percent; town
2.21 or city, 20 percent; and school district, 40 percent, provided, however, that in unorganized
2.22 territory that portion which would have accrued to the township must be administered by
2.23 the county board of commissioners.

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