

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

This act includes provisions related to the sale, exchange, and conveyance of land and other provisions related to the administration of land by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

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- 1 Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park, St. Louis County.** Amends § 85.012, subd. 38a. Renames the “Soudan Underground Mine State Park” the “Lake-Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park” (the Vermilion and Soudan Underground Mine state parks are combined under section 38 of this bill).
- 2 Disposal of tillable land in Memorial Hardwood Forest.** Amends § 89.022. Modifies the exemption from sale/exchange requirements that apply to tillable land acquired in the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest by allowing the county board (rather than the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) as provided under current law) approve exemptions and allows the exemptions when the land has been or will be acquired for natural resource and public access purposes. States that revenues received under the section are to be deposited in the natural resources fund (rather than the general fund as required under current law).
- 3 Accept donations.** Amends §459.06, subd. 1. Removes a requirement that the DNR approve a local government’s selection of lands and management plans for memorial forests.
- 4 Lake-Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park; annual payments.** Amends § 477A.17. Modifies payment-in-lieu of tax (PILT) payments applicable to lands within Lake Vermilion and Soudan Underground Mine state parks to reflect the merger of the two parks under this bill, clarify that the payments apply to state-owned lands within the park, and

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modify the process used to appraise the lands so that it is the same as the process used for other acquired natural resources lands subject to PILT.

- 5**        **Deletions from state recreation area.** Removes land from the Greenleaf Lake State Recreation Area.
- 6**        **Addition to state forest.** Adds land to the Snake River State Forest.
- 7 to 30**    **Sale, conveyance, or exchange of lands.** Permits the public sale, private sale, conveyance, and exchange of certain state and tax-forfeited lands in locations as described in the bill
- 31**        **Merger of Soudan Underground Mine State Park, St. Louis County, into Lake Vermilion State Park, St. Louis County.** States that Soudan Underground Mine and Vermilion state parks and merged into one park to be known as Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park.
- 32 to 35**    **Additional sale, conveyance, or exchange of lands.** Permits the public sale, private sale, and conveyance of certain state and tax-forfeited lands in locations as described in the bill.
- 36**        **Brainerd Dam; city of Brainerd.** Provides authorization for the city of Brainerd to purchase the Brainerd Dam. Under current law, a government entity may not purchase or otherwise take ownership of a dam until the DNR examines the dam, submits a report to the legislature on the dam, and the legislature has had an opportunity to review the situation and hasn't prohibited it.
- 37**        **Revisor's instructions.** Requires the Revisor to combine the legislative histories of Soudan Underground Mine and Vermilion state parks which are merged into one park under the previous section. Requires the Revisor to recodify a section of statute currently in chapter 84 pertaining to the exchange of certain lands into a new section in chapter 94.
- 38**        **Repealer.** Repeals § 85.012, subd. 53a (Soudan Underground Mine State Park).
- 39**        **Effective date.** States that sections 1 to 38 are effective the day following final enactment.