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Overview

This act contains various provisions related to the sale and conveyance of state land. It includes provisions originally proposed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as part of its annual lands bill. It also includes a provision from H.F. 1971 authorizing the conveyance of state land in Redwood County and various provisions authorizing certain counties to sell or convey tax-forfeited lands as originally introduced in the following bills:

- H.F. 940/1728, (Bliss/Grossell), Beltrami County;
- H.F. 1513 (Cornish), Blue Earth County;
- H.F. 2135/2144 (Sundin), Carlton County;
- H.F. 1625 (Poston), Cass County;
- H.F. 1337 (Johnson, B.), Chisago County;
- H.F. 1536 (Drazkowski), Goodhue County;
- H.F. 2042 (Pryor), Hennepin County;
- H.F. 1082 (Layman), Itasca County;
- H.F. 1792 (Baker), Kandiyohi County;
- H.F. 1690 (Ecklund), Lake County;
- H.F. 108 (Rarick), Pine County;
- H.F. 1216 (Kiel), Polk County;
- H.F. 847 (Ecklund), St. Louis County;
- H.F. 567 (Backer), Traverse County;
- H.F. 364 (Dettmer), Washington County;
- H.F. 1709 (Cornish), Watonwan County; and
- H.F. 1565 (Backer), Wilkin County.

Section

- 1** **Substantially equal acres.** Amends § 84.633, subd. 2. Allows a state easement to be exchanged for an easement that has more than “substantially equal acres” if the other party waives payment for the difference.
- 2** **Leases and permits.** Amends § 89.17. Allows the DNR to require a performance bond for removing any improvements or personal property from DNR forest lands that are leased.
- 3** **Private sale of surplus state land; Carlton County.** Amends Laws 2011, ch. 3, § 13. Authorizes the DNR to sell land in Carlton County originally authorized in 2011 to a buyer other than a political subdivision of the state as was required under the original law.
- 4** **Deletions from state forests.** Removes certain areas from Cloquet Valley State Forest.
- 5 to 35** **Sale, conveyance, or exchange of lands.** Authorizes the public sale, private sale, and conveyance of certain state and tax-forfeited lands in locations as described in the act.
- 36** **Washington Judicial Ditch 6: drainage authority.** Assigns the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District as the drainage authority for the Washington Judicial Ditch 6 if the Board of Water and Soil Resources approves a boundary correction.
- 37** **Effective date.** States that the act is effective the day following final enactment.