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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill contains many technical, administrative, sale and management provisions in three separate articles on state lands.

#### Article 1 - Sale and Disposition of Surplus Lands

##### Overview

- Separates the land sale authority of the commissioner of administration from that of the commissioner of natural resources, to be included in chapter 16B.
- Provides that commissioner must evaluate all DNR lands to determine value. If the estimated value exceeds \$50,000, a formal appraisal would be required.
- Requires the full payment of DNR land sold due within 90 days of sale, with 10 percent down at sale.
- Expands provision allowing DNR lands, other than school trust lands, to remain available for sale if they are not sold at public sale offering.
- Eliminates the state executive council review of surplus land

## **Section**

determinations.

- Eliminates the restriction on the public sale of real property to an employee of state or political subdivision, provided that the employee is not involved in the sale process (employees of DNR are still prohibited from purchasing land administered by the DNR).
- Modifies multiple sale processes and notice requirements.

## **Article 2 - State Land Management**

### **Overview**

- Encourages the sale by private landowners of low-valued lands needed for conservation or recreation purposes when the estimated value of the land is not large enough to compensate for the landowner's inconvenience.
- Allows the DNR, with a landowner's approval, to utilize land valuation methods other than normal appraisal methods when making an offer to purchase certain lands.
- Amends the Outdoor Recreation Act (Minn. Stat. ch. 86A) for aquatic management areas to allow lands acquired prior to enactment, that meet the criteria outlined in the law, to be classified in the same manner as those that have been acquired since enactment.
- Directs the DNR to meet its fiduciary responsibilities to the Permanent School Fund by either implementing adequate methods of compensation or exchanging school trust lands out of areas that restrict revenue generation.
- Changes the time limit for establishing timber values from 30 days to 60 days.
- Designates certain lands previously believed to be tax forfeited that are actually Consolidated Conservation lands.

## **Article 3 - Land Sales**

### **Overview**

- For various reasons, the lands in this article have been determined to be not necessary for natural resource management purposes by the DNR.
- Contains certain area deletions from state forests and the Mississippi recreational river land use district in Wright county.
- Contains 22 sections of private and public sales of land.

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- Contains one section (13) for land exchange between Cook county and the federal government.
- Repeals Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.09, relating to DNR land to be subdivided into lots; 92.11, relating to all DNR land to be appraised; and 94.09, subdivisions 2, 4, 5, and 6, relating to the sale and disposition of surplus state owned land.