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Overview

This bill modifies certain land acquisition requirements, adds lands to specified state parks, removes lands from Flandrau State Park, and permits the sale, conveyance, or other transfer of certain state land.

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- 1 Minimal value acquisition.** Permits the commissioner of natural resources to acquire lands for the value determined by the commissioner without appraisal, if the commissioner determines that the value of the land is less than \$100,000. Current law allows this procedure where the value of the land is less than \$5,000. This bill also permits the commissioner to add a transition incentive if the value of the land is less than \$1,000.
- 2 Owner's rights.** Eliminates the requirement that a landowner be given a resume of the state's certified appraisal, and instead requires the landowner be informed of the value of the land as determined by the commissioner. This provision makes the law consistent with the requirements of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.
- 3 Forfeiture.** Eliminates the requirement that a mineral interest be not previously recorded in certain circumstances before the mineral interest is forfeited to the state after notice and opportunity for hearing.
- 4 Exemption for Forfeiture.** Provides that certain severed mineral interests for which a statement was originally filed but did not have a new statement filed upon conveyance of the interest are not subject to forfeiture if substantial compliance is shown, and a new statement is filed within one year of a conveyance on or after July 1, 2007.
- 5 Ownership of Nonconforming Parcel.** Prohibits a county from making a permit or other

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approval for use, development or other disposition of a nonconforming lot or parcel dependant on the ownership or relationship between the buyer and seller of the lot or parcel.

6 Nonconformities. Establishes the same restriction on municipalities that is applied to counties in section 5.

7 Exchange of tax-forfeited land. Exempts from payment of three percent of the sales price required to be collected by the county auditor at the time of sale to lands acquired through an exchange of tax-forfeited land.

8 Additions to state parks. Adds certain lands in Brown County to Flandrau State Park and in Winona County to Whitewater State Park.

9 Deletions from state parks. Eliminates certain lands from Flandrau State Park.

7-25 Sale or conveyance of lands. Sections 7 to 25 permit the public or private sale or conveyance of certain state lands, in locations as described in the bill.

26 Tax-forfeited lands lease. Permits the Itasca County Auditor to lease certain land to Minnesota Steel for a period of 20 years, for use as a tailings basin and buffer area.

27-41 Sale or conveyance of lands. Sections 27 to 41 permit the public or private sale or conveyance of certain state lands, in locations as described in the bill.

42 Effective date. This bill is effective the day following enactment.