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Overview

This bill includes various provisions related to the administration of state lands, amends state park and state forest boundaries, and provides approval of the sale, exchange, and conveyance of certain lands.

Section

- 1 Stream easements.** Amends § 84.0272, subd. 2. Modifies the formula for calculation of the estimated market value for purposes of trout stream easements to conform with current Department of Revenue practices and provides flexibility for the commissioner of natural resources in determining values if the Department of Revenue changes its property tax groups.
- 2 McCarthy Beach State Park.** Amends § 85.012, subd. 40. Adds Itasca County, in addition to St. Louis County, to the location for McCarthy Beach State Park.
- 3 Boundaries designated.** Adds § 89.021. Allows the commissioner to acquire land adjacent to or in the proximity of state forests provided that the lands meet the definition of forest lands. Allows the new boundaries to be established using existing authority under section 86A.07, subdivision 3.
- 4 Acquisition for state forests.** Amends § 89.032, subd. 2. Technical change clarifying that state forest lands may be acquired either subject to or not subject to mineral reservation.
- 5 Exception for riparian land in Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.** Adds § 94.342. Permits the exchange of riparian land within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness to be exchanged for nonriparian land outside of the area.
- 6 Additions to state parks.** Expands the boundaries of Forestville Mystery Cave State Park, Judge C. R. Magney State Park, Split Rock Lighthouse State Park, and Tettegouche State Park.

- 7 Deletions from state parks.** Removes land from Afton State Park, Crow Wing State Park, Frontenac State Park, Hayes Lake State Park, McCarthy Beach State Park, Maplewood State Park, and Split Rock Lighthouse State Park.
- 8 Additions to state forests.** Expands the boundary of Lyons State Forest.
- 9 Lake County land exchange.** Requires the commissioner of natural resources to compensate or exchange state land of equal value for any tax-forfeited land administered by the county affected by the boundary changes to Split Rock Lighthouse State Park made in this bill.
- 10 Public or private sale of surplus state land; anticipated savings to general fund.** Permits the commissioner to sell surplus land at public or private sale for no less than 75 percent of the estimated or appraised market value in order to meet a 2005 legislative requirement of all state agencies to sell surplus lands to raise revenue for the general fund (see Minn. Laws 2005, ch. 156, art. 2, § 45). This authority would expire on June 30, 2012.
- 11 to 43 Sale, conveyance, and exchange of lands.** Permits the sale, conveyance, and exchange of certain lands in locations as described in the bill.
- 44 Effective date.** States that sections 10 to 43 are effective the day following final enactment