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Overview

This bill includes provisions related to the sale, exchange, and conveyance of land and other provisions related to the administration of state land.

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- 1 State's responsibilities.** Amends § 84.0274, subd. 6. Modifies the landowner's bill of rights to allow the state to discuss prices when negotiating trout stream, native prairie bank, and Camp Ripley's Army compatible use buffer easements which are all determined by statutory formulas.
- 2 School forests.** Amends § 89.41. Allows for the conveyance of tax-forfeit land without monetary compensation or consideration to school districts and other public educational institutions for purposes of school forests. Requires the commissioner of natural resources to annually monitor the lands conveyed to determine whether they are being used as school forests and submit an annual report to the commissioner of revenue that identifies any lands no longer being used for school forests. States that the section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 3 Land acquisition account.** Amends § 94.165. Expands the use of funds in the land acquisition account to include use for payment of Department of Natural Resources (DNR) expenses for exchanging and rendering saleable any state lands.
- 4 Conveyance to public entities.** Amends § 282.01, subd. 1a. Allows the commissioner of revenue to convey tax-forfeit land for no monetary compensation or consideration for purposes of school forests. Requires a statement regarding the use of the land and the favorable recommendation of the county board and the commissioner of natural resources to

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be submitted to the commissioner of revenue. Subjects the lands conveyed to conditional use and reversion provisions including the new reversion provisions established in the next section. States that the section is effective the day following final enactment.

- 5 Reverter for failure to use; conveyance to state.** Amends § 282.01, subd. 1d. Subjects lands conveyed for purposes of school forests to a perpetual conditional use deed and reversion to the state if the land is not used for school forest purposes for three consecutive years. Requires the commissioner of revenue to record a declaration of reversion for land that is reverted. States that the section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 6 Additions to state parks.** Expands the boundaries of Flandrau State Park, Lake Vermilion State Park, and Sibley State Park.
- 7 Deletions from state parks.** Removes land from Lake Vermilion State Park and Whitewater State Park.
- 8 Addition to state forest.** Adds land to the Snake River State Forest.
- 9 to 31 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, including parcels contained in this bill as introduced and the following bills: H.F. 56, Lake County (Dill); H.F. 170, Winona County (Drazkowski); H.F. 372, Itasca County (Anzelc); H.F. 373, Koochiching (Dill); H.F. 725, Crow Wing County (Ward, J. E.); H.F. 832, Freeborn County (Savick); H.F. 929, Anoka County (Runbeck); H.F. 958, St. Louis County (Dill); H.F. 1159, Cass County (Persell); H.F. 1168, Lake County (Dill); and H.F. 1267, Carlton County (Sundin).