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Overview

This bill contains recommendations of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to modify the process of conveying tax-forfeit land to school districts and other public educational institutions for purposes of school forests, including allowing the conveyance of land for no consideration and reestablishing a permanent reverter for the lands conveyed if they are not used for school forests.

Section

- 1 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.
- 2 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 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.

Section

- 3** **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.
- 4** **Effective date.** Provides an immediate effective date for all sections in the bill.