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Overview

This bill contains various provisions related to the sale and exchange of state land. The bill includes provisions originally proposed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as part of its annual lands bill and includes provisions allowing for the expedited exchange of school trust lands (originally proposed in H.F. 3201) and the exchange of school trust lands for purposes of a Kittson County project (originally proposed in H.F. 3484). It also includes various provisions authorizing certain counties to sell, exchange, or convey tax-forfeited and other lands as originally introduced in the following bills:

- H.F. 2463, (Lueck), Crow Wing County;
- H.F. 2599 (Barrett), Chisago County;
- H.F. 2837 (Anzelc), Itasca County;
- H.F. 2855 (Ecklund), Lake County;
- H.F. 2858 (Hancock), Beltrami County;
- H.F. 2952 (Backer), Grant County;
- H.F. 3015 (Urdahl), Meeker County;
- H.F. 3078 (Anderson, M.), Cass County;
- H.F. 3198 (Whelan), Anoka County;
- H.F. 3232 (Nash), Carver County;
- H.F. 3238 (Metsa), St. Louis County;
- H.F. 3418 (Baker), Kandiyohi;
- H.F. 3426 (Loonan), Scott County; and
- H.F. 3913 (Schomacker), Murray County.

Section

- 1 **Saint Croix Boom Site Wayside, Washington County.** Adds § 85.013, subd. 21c. Adds the Saint Croix Boom Site Wayside to the list of state waysides.
- 2 **Centennial State Forest.** Adds § 89.021, subd. 11a. Designates a new state forest as Centennial State Forest.
- 3 **Closing costs.** Adds § 92.115, subd. 3. States that the purchaser of state land pays the recording fees and state deed tax.
- 4 **Public sale requirements.** Amends § 94.10, subd. 2. States that the purchaser of state land pays the recording fees and state deed tax.
- 5 **Valuation of bond-financed property.** Allows DNR administered property financed with bond funds to be sold without having a full appraisal done if the value of the property is \$50,000 or less.
- 6 **Classes of land; definitions.** Amends § 94.3495, subd. 2. Modifies the definition of “class 1 land” and defines “school trust land” and “university land” in order to remove the prohibition on exchanging school trust lands and university lands using the expedited land exchange process.
- 7 **Valuation of land.** Amends § 94.3495. Requires the county to approve the value determined by the DNR for purposes of exchanging DNR lands for tax-forfeited lands, and the “governmental subdivision” to approve the value when exchanging DNR lands for lands administered by other government subdivisions of the state (ex. other state agencies) for purposes of the expedited exchange process. Modifies the methods that can be used for valuing lands. Requires school trust lands and university lands exchanged under the expedited exchange process to be exchanged only for lands of equal or greater value unlike lands currently eligible for the expedited exchange process that must be exchanged for “substantially equal value” (the lands do not differ in value by more than ten percent when the lands are both over 100 acres and by 20 percent in other circumstances).
- 8 **Mineral and water power rights and other reservations.** Amends § 94.3495, subd. 7. Removes a requirement that deeds conveying land under the expedited land exchange process include a reverter that would require the land to revert back to the conveying government unit if the receiving government unit sells, exchanges, or otherwise transfers title of the land within 40 years without prior written approval from the conveying government unit.
- 9 **Method of sale.** Amends Laws 2012, ch. 236, § 28, subd. 2. Amends a previous law authorizing the private sale of certain leased and other lands in St. Louis County to remove a requirement that the lands be offered at public auction if the leaseholder does not purchase the property.
- 10 **Survey.** Amends Laws 2012, ch. 236, § 28, subd. 5. Amends a previous law authorizing the private sale of certain leased and other lands in St. Louis County to allow lands that do not have adequate survey monumentation to be exempt from survey requirements.
- 11 **Sunset.** Amends Laws 2012, ch. 236, § 28, subd. 9. Amends a previous law authorizing the private sale of certain leased and other lands in St. Louis County to extend the sunset of the section by two years.

Section

- 12** **Saint Croix Boom Site Wayside.** Designates certain property as the Saint Croix Boom Site Wayside.
- 13** **Centennial State Forest.** Designates certain property as the Centennial State Forest.
- 14** **Deletion from state park.** Deletes certain property from Mille Lacs Kathio and Zippel Bay State Parks.
- 15** **Additions to state forests.** Adds certain property to the Bear Island, Cloquet Valley, Kabetogama, Sturgeon River, and Whiteface State Forests.
- 16** **Release of reversionary interest; Anoka County land transfer.** Requires the reversionary interest in certain land transferred to Anoka County to be extinguished.
- 17 to 51** **Sale, conveyance, or exchange of lands.** Permits the public sale, private sale, and exchange of certain state and tax-forfeited lands in locations as described in the bill.
- 52** **Effective date.** States the all sections are effective the day following final enactment.