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### Overview

This bill amends aspects of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) process for conveying surplus trunk highway land, authorizes a couple of turnbacks to counties, and provides for conveyance of a parcel of land to the Minnesota Historical Society.

#### Section

- 1 **Route No. 259.** Makes a conforming change as part of a county turnback, to remove statutory reference to a route that is being removed from the trunk highway system.
- 2 **Conveyance to highest bidder in certain cases.** Amends the excess trunk highway land conveyance process used in some situations, by authorizing MnDOT to offer sale of land to the abutting landowners based on appraised market value instead of through bidding or auction procedures.
- 3 **Services of licensed real estate broker.** Amends a provision on MnDOT use of a real estate broker to sell lands, so that brokers are authorized once lands are withdrawn from sale (provided in the process established in section 4 of the bill).
- 4 **Unsold lands.** Amends the excess trunk highway land conveyance process when real estate property remains unsold after an offer to the highest bidder, to permit MnDOT to make offers to anyone willing to pay at least the minimum public sale bid amount. Requires real estate that is for sale to be listed on an unsold property inventory.

**Section**

- 5**        **Conveyance for historical purposes; McKinstry surplus lands.** Permits MnDOT to convey to the Minnesota Historical Society, without payment, portions of McKinstry Mounds and McKinstry Village land in Koochiching County.
- 6**        **Legislative Route No. 123 removed.** Provides county turnback of Trunk Highway 112 (running from Le Sueur to Le Center) following agreement between MnDOT and Le Sueur County.
- 7**        **Legislative Route No. 225 removed.** Provides a county turnback of Trunk Highway 225 (running from Ponsford to Trunk Highway 34 near Osage in Becker County) following agreement between MnDOT and Becker County.
- 8**        **Legislative Route No. 101 removed; repealer.** Repeals a duplicative statutory route.