

Subject St. Louis County Tax-Forfeited Lands

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Overview

This bill would provide additional authorities to St. Louis County in managing its tax-forfeited lands.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Sale; method; requirements; effects.</p> <p>Allows certain tax-forfeited land sales in St. Louis and Koochiching Counties to be conducted at designated facilities within the county and not just county-owned facilities as required under current law.</p>
2	<p>Method of sale.</p> <p>Amends a law from 2012 that allowed St. Louis County to sell certain tax-forfeited lakeshore property to those leasing the lands, or, if the leaseholder did not purchase the land, to another party under certain conditions. One of the conditions was that the other party would need to pay the leaseholder the appraised value of any improvements made to the land. This section would allow the leaseholder and other party to negotiate the value.</p>
3	<p>Sunset.</p> <p>Provides an additional three years for the tax-forfeited lakeshore property sales described in the previous section to occur.</p>
4	<p>Lease; tax-forfeited land; St. Louis County.</p> <p>Allows St. Louis County to lease certain property for more than \$12,000 per year.</p>
5	<p>Access to timber on tax-forfeited land; St. Louis County.</p> <p>Allows St. Louis County to operate vehicles used for timber harvesting and other related equipment on rustic roads on certain tax-forfeited lands for the purpose of sustainable forest management. Requires the rustic roads to be immediately repaired if damaged and maintained at their preharvest condition. Rustic roads may be designated by road authorities and are defined in statute as “a road that is not on the state-aid system that has the following characteristics: outstanding natural features or scenic beauty; an</p>

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	average daily traffic volume of less than 150 vehicles per day; year-round use as a local access road; and maximum allowable speed of 45 miles per hour”.
6	Private sale of tax-forfeited lands; St. Louis County. Allows St. Louis County to sell, through a private sale, certain tax-forfeited property.



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