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State of Minnesota  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 2069

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state lands; authorizing conveyance of certain tax-forfeited lands  
1.3 that border public water.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. CONVEYANCE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC  
1.6 WATER; HENNEPIN COUNTY.

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision  
1.8 1, and the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, Hennepin County  
1.9 may convey to the state of Minnesota for no consideration the tax-forfeited land bordering  
1.10 public water that is described in paragraph (c).

1.11 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney  
1.12 general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

1.13 (c) The land to be conveyed is located in Hennepin County and is described as: that  
1.14 part of the Southwest Half of the Southwest Half commencing at a point 66 feet South  
1.15 from the center point of the south end of the dam; thence East 150 feet; thence North  
1.16 to the Crow River; thence westerly along the river to a point 50 feet westerly from the  
1.17 center point of the south end of the dam; thence South to a point distant 50 feet West  
1.18 from the beginning; thence East to the beginning. Also a cartway as described in Doc.  
1.19 No. 3937489 (PID 36-120-24 33 0002).

1.20 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would  
1.21 best be served by conveying the land to the state.

1.22 Sec. 2. PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND  
1.23 BORDERING PUBLIC WATER; HENNEPIN COUNTY.

2.1 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision 1,  
2.2 and the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, Hennepin County may  
2.3 sell by public or private sale the tax-forfeited land bordering public water that is described  
2.4 in paragraph (c) under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282.

2.5 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The  
2.6 attorney general may make changes to the land description to correct errors and ensure  
2.7 accuracy. Prior to the sale, the commissioner of revenue shall grant a permanent  
2.8 conservation easement according to Minnesota Statutes, section 282.37, for the land  
2.9 described in paragraph (c). The easement shall be 50 feet in width along the shoreline to  
2.10 provide riparian protection.

2.11 (c) The land to be sold is located in Hennepin County and is described as: that part  
2.12 of Government Lot 2 in Section 21, Township 120, Range 23, described as: commencing  
2.13 at the southwest corner thereof; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 24 seconds East on  
2.14 an assumed bearing along the south line of Government Lot 2 a distance of 438.00 feet to  
2.15 the point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 13 minutes 06 seconds East parallel to  
2.16 the west line of Government Lot 2 a distance of 874.50 feet; thence South 89 degrees 48  
2.17 minutes 24 seconds East a distance of 57.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 13 minutes 06  
2.18 seconds East a distance of 891.00 feet to the shore of Cowley Lake; thence northeasterly  
2.19 along the shoreline a distance of 1,043.00 feet to the east line of Government Lot 2; thence  
2.20 South 00 degrees 20 minutes 20 seconds West along said east line to a point 1,604.32 feet  
2.21 North of the southeast corner of Government Lot 2; thence North 89 degrees 39 minutes  
2.22 40 seconds West a distance of 154.63 feet; thence South 22 degrees 32 minutes 57 seconds  
2.23 West a distance of 930.19 feet; thence South 00 degrees 13 minutes 06 seconds West a  
2.24 distance of 744.43 feet to the south line of Government Lot 2; thence North 89 degrees  
2.25 48 minutes 24 seconds West along said south line a distance of 387.00 feet to the point  
2.26 of beginning (PID 21-120-23 13 0004).

2.27 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would  
2.28 best be served if the land was returned to private ownership.