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H. F. No. 847

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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 public and private sale of certain tax-forfeited  
1.3 land.

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

1.5 Section 1. PUBLIC SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LAND BORDERING PUBLIC  
1.6 WATER; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision 1, St.  
1.8 Louis County may sell the tax-forfeited land bordering public water that is described in  
1.9 paragraph (c) under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282.

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

1.12 (c) The lands to be sold are located in St. Louis County and are described as:

1.13 (1) Lot 3, Decker Road Addition to city of Duluth, Township 50, Range 14, Section 19  
1.14 (parcel number 010-0825-00030);

1.15 (2) Lots 7, 8, and 9, including part of vacant street, Bailey Rearrangement of Block 29,  
1.16 Hunter's Grassy Point Addition to city of Duluth, Township 49, Range 15, Section 13 (parcel  
1.17 number 010-2390-00070);

1.18 (3) the South Half of the West 3-1/3 acres of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter  
1.19 of the Southeast Quarter, Township 50, Range 14, Section 19 (parcel number  
1.20 010-2710-05590);

2.1 (4) the North 3-1/3 acres of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the  
2.2 Southeast Quarter, Township 50, Range 14, Section 19 (parcel number 010-2710-05600);

2.3 (5) the North 2-1/2 acres of the South 6-2/3 acres of the Southwest Quarter of the  
2.4 Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Township 50, Range 14, Section 19 (parcel  
2.5 number 010-2710-05610);

2.6 (6) the South 1-2/3 acres of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the  
2.7 Southeast Quarter, Township 50, Range 14, Section 19 (parcel number 010-2710-05630);

2.8 (7) the East 5/6 of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter,  
2.9 except 8 acres at the northeast corner and except the South 261-28/100 feet of the East  
2.10 522-44/100 feet and except the westerly 166 feet of the easterly 688-44/100 feet lying South  
2.11 of the northerly 396 feet and except a 100.44-foot by 124.99-foot parcel abutting the east  
2.12 line of Lot 5, Decker Road Addition located in the Northwest Quarter, Township 50, Range  
2.13 14, Section 19 (parcel number 010-2710-05670);

2.14 (8) a one-acre square in the southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest  
2.15 Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Township 54, Range 17, Section 3 (parcel number  
2.16 305-0020-00460);

2.17 (9) Lot 5, town of Cotton, Township 54, Range 17, Section 10 (parcel number  
2.18 305-0020-01590);

2.19 (10) the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, except 5 acres  
2.20 at the southwest corner, Township 52, Range 12, Section 10 (parcel number  
2.21 315-0020-01700);

2.22 (11) Lot 5, except the part subject to flowage rights, town of Fredenberg, Township 52,  
2.23 Range 15, Section 28 (parcel number 365-0010-05100); and

2.24 (12) the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Township 52, Range 13, Section  
2.25 32 (parcel number 485-0010-05390).

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

2.28 **Sec. 2. PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LANDS BORDERING**  
2.29 **PUBLIC WATER; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

2.30 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision 1, and  
2.31 the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, St. Louis County may sell by

3.1 private or public sale the tax-forfeited lands bordering public water that are described in  
3.2 paragraph (c) under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282.

3.3 (b) The conveyances must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney  
3.4 general may make changes to the land descriptions to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

3.5 (c) The lands to be sold are located in St. Louis County and are described as:

3.6 (1) the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, except beginning at the northeast  
3.7 corner of the forty; thence West 200 feet; thence South 435.60 feet; thence East 200 feet;  
3.8 thence North 435.60 feet to the point of beginning and except that part lying westerly of  
3.9 the easterly 200 feet, Township 57, Range 17, Section 29 (parcel number 340-0010-05320);

3.10 (2) the West 660 feet of Lot 5, town of Grand Lake, Township 51, Range 16, Section  
3.11 19 (parcel number 380-0010-03970);

3.12 (3) the South Half of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter,  
3.13 Township 61, Range 21, Section 15 (parcel number 460-0010-02376); and

3.14 (4) the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Township 62, Range  
3.15 18, Section 23 (parcel number 495-0010-02890).

3.16 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best  
3.17 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

3.18 **Sec. 3. PRIVATE SALE OR CONVEYANCE OF TAX-FORFEITED LANDS; ST.**  
3.19 **LOUIS COUNTY.**

3.20 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or  
3.21 other law to the contrary, St. Louis County may privately convey the tax-forfeited lands  
3.22 described in paragraph (c).

3.23 (b) The conveyances must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The  
3.24 conveyances may be for less than the appraised value of the lands. The attorney general  
3.25 may make changes to the land descriptions to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

3.26 (c) The lands to be sold are located in St. Louis County and are described as:

3.27 (1) Lot 1, Block 29, Bailey Rearrangement of Block 29, Hunter's Grassy Point Addition  
3.28 to city of Duluth, Township 49, Range 15, Section 13 (parcel number 010-2390-00010);  
3.29 and

3.30 (2) Lot 2, Block 29, Bailey Rearrangement of Block 29, Hunter's Grassy Point Addition  
3.31 to city of Duluth, Township 49, Range 15, Section 13 (parcel number 010-2390-00020).

4.1 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best  
4.2 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

4.3 **Sec. 4. PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LANDS; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

4.4 (a) Notwithstanding the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, or  
4.5 other law to the contrary, St. Louis County may sell by private sale the tax-forfeited lands  
4.6 described in paragraph (c).

4.7 (b) The conveyances must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The attorney  
4.8 general may make changes to the land descriptions to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

4.9 (c) The lands to be sold are located in St. Louis County and are described as:

4.10 (1) including part of vacant street, Bailey Rearrangement of Block 29, Hunter's Grassy  
4.11 Point Addition to city of Duluth (parcel number 010-2390-00150);

4.12 (2) including part of vacant street, Bailey Rearrangement of Block 29, Hunter's Grassy  
4.13 Point Addition to city of Duluth (parcel number 010-2390-00160);

4.14 (3) Lot 3, town of Gnesen, Township 52, Range 14, Section 36 (parcel number  
4.15 375-0010-07490);

4.16 (4) Lot 5, except the northerly 3 feet and except the southerly 10 feet, West Duluth 5th  
4.17 Division (parcel number 010-4510-06740);

4.18 (5) the East Half of Lot 6, Block 21, city of Tower (parcel number 080-0010-2470);

4.19 (6) part of the southerly 66 feet of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter,  
4.20 Township 58, Range 18, Section 22 (parcel number 175-0071-03002);

4.21 (7) part of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter lying northerly  
4.22 of the southerly 200 feet, exempt 10 acres taconite, Township 58, Range 18, Section 22  
4.23 (parcel number 175-0071-03032);

4.24 (8) part of the West 250 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Township  
4.25 56, Range 17, Section 34 (parcel number 690-0010-05735);

4.26 (9) part of the Northeast Quarter, Township 64, Range 17, Section 24 (parcel number  
4.27 699-0010-03590); and

4.28 (10) all or part of the South 166 feet of the North 516 feet of the Northeast Quarter of  
4.29 the Southeast Quarter, Township 58, Range 15, Section 10 (parcel number 100-0080-01186).

4.30 (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best  
4.31 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.

5.1       Sec. 5. **PRIVATE SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LANDS BORDERING PUBLIC**  
5.2 **WATER; ST. LOUIS COUNTY.**

5.3       (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45 and 282.018, subdivision 1, and  
5.4 the public sale provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, St. Louis County may sell by  
5.5 private sale the tax-forfeited land bordering public water that is described in paragraph (c)  
5.6 under the remaining provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282.

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

5.9       (c) The land to be sold is located in St. Louis County and is described as: part of the  
5.10 Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter beginning 658.95 feet North of the southeast  
5.11 corner; thence West 996.51 feet; thence South 658.95 feet; thence East 50 feet; thence North  
5.12 508.95 feet; thence East 946.51 feet; thence North 150 feet to the point of beginning,  
5.13 Township 51, Range 14, Section 25 (parcel number 520-0016-02470).

5.14       (d) The county has determined that the county's land management interests would best  
5.15 be served if the lands were returned to private ownership.