

## CHAPTER 287—H. F. No. 1090.

*An act relating to lands or minerals and mineral rights becoming the absolute property of the state under the tax laws, whether or not held in trust for the taxing district; relating to state mining permits and leases thereon and relating to the appropriation and distribution of the rentals and royalties from such leases.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

**Section 1. Lands may be grouped into mining units—leases.**—Lands, or minerals and mineral rights, including fractional undivided interests therein, becoming the absolute property of the state under the tax laws, may be grouped into mining units, permits to prospect for iron ore thereon shall be awarded, and mining leases thereon issued as provided by Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 6403 to 6424, inclusive, as amended by Laws 1941, Chapter 546, and other laws amendatory thereof, and, except as otherwise specifically provided herein, all the terms, conditions and provisions of such laws shall be applicable thereto, regardless of whether or not such lands or minerals and mineral rights are held in trust for taxing districts. Leases issued hereunder shall be in the form provided by law, with only such changes as the Commissioner of Conservation shall find necessary to indicate the specific interest covered by the lease and the proportion of the stipulated royalty or rental payable under Section 2 hereof.

**Sec. 2. Undivided interests.**—If the interest in lands or minerals and mineral rights acquired by the state under the tax laws is an undivided part of the whole interest therein, the quarterly and annual rentals and minimum royalty to be bid and paid to the state upon the leasing thereof shall be such proportion of the amounts stipulated in the laws under which such leases are executed as the undivided part owned by the state bears to the whole interest in such lands, or minerals and mineral rights. The specification in any such lease issued in the form provided by such laws that the interest covered thereby is a fractional undivided interest shall be a sufficient statement that the quarterly rentals, annual rentals, and minimum royalties to be paid thereunder shall be such proportion of the amount stated in the lease as the undivided interest covered thereby bears to the whole interest in such lands or minerals and mineral rights.

**Sec. 3. Lease to be for mineral rights only in certain cases.**—If, because of having sold the surface of such lands, reserving the minerals and mineral rights, or from any other cause, the state owns only the minerals and mineral rights in any lands leased hereunder, the Commissioner of Conservation shall confine such

lease to such minerals and mineral rights. The amount of the quarterly rentals, annual rentals, and minimum royalties to be bid and paid to the state upon such leases shall not be reduced by reason of that fact, and the lessee shall acquire all such rights to use the surface of such lands as were reserved or are owned by the state under its reservation of minerals and mineral rights. Any specification of rights to the surface in such lease shall be construed as limited by this section.

**Sec. 4. Rentals and royalties to be held in trust by State Treasurer, in certain cases.**—If the lands or minerals and mineral rights covered by any such lease are held by the state in trust for the taxing districts, the rentals and royalties paid under any such lease shall be held by the state treasurer in a special fund, subject to disposition thereof as may be provided by any law hereafter enacted.

**Sec. 5. Disposition of funds.**—Except as provided by Sec. 4 hereof, and except where the disposition of proceeds of the lands involved may be otherwise directed by existing law, all rentals and royalties payable hereunder shall be paid into the general revenue fund of the state.

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#### CHAPTER 288—S. F. No. 189.

(AMENDING SECTION 203.05 MINNESOTA STATUTES 1941.)

*An act relating to absent and disabled voters' ballots; amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 601-4 (1) d.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

**Section 1. Law amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 601-4 (1) d is amended to read as follows:

601-4 (1) d. **Fees.**—The applicant for such ballots shall pay to the county auditor at the time he makes such application a fee of 30 cents *except that no member of the armed forces of the United States of America shall be required to pay the fee.* The money so received by said county auditor shall be kept in a separate fund and shall be expended by him in paying the expense of such extra clerical assistance as may be required for the performance by him of the duties imposed by this chapter; the cost of furnishing and printing the application blanks specified in *Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 601-4 (1) a*; the cost of furnishing and printing the envelopes and voters' certificate herein specified; the