

## CHAPTER 316—S. F. No. 29

*An act relating to exchange of tax-forfeited lands by any city of the first class now or hereafter having a population of 450,000, or over, or its board of park commissioners; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 282.01, Subdivision 1.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 282.01, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**282.01 Tax-forfeited lands. Subdivision 1. Classification; use; exchange.** All parcels of land becoming the property of the state in trust under the provisions of any law now existing or hereafter enacted declaring the forfeiture of lands to the state for taxes, shall be classified by the county board of the county wherein such parcels lie as conservation or non-conservation. Such classification shall be made with consideration, among other things, to the present use of adjacent lands, the productivity of the soil, the character of forest or other growth, accessibility of lands to establish roads, schools, and other public services, and their peculiar suitability or desirability for particular uses. Such classification, furthermore, shall aid: to encourage and foster a mode of land utilization that will facilitate the economical and adequate provision of transportation, roads, water supply, drainage, sanitation, education, and recreation; to facilitate reduction of governmental expenditures; to conserve and develop the natural resources; and to foster and develop agriculture and other industries in the districts and places best suited thereto. In making such classification the county board may make use of such data and information as may be made available by any office or department of the federal, state, or local governments, or by any other person or agency possessing information pertinent thereto at the time such classification is made. Such lands may be reclassified from time to time as the county board may deem necessary or desirable, except as to conservation lands held by the state free from any trust in favor of any taxing district. Provided that if any such lands are located within the boundaries of any organized town, or incorporated municipality, the classification or reclassification and sale shall first be approved by the town board of such town or the governing body of such municipality insofar as the lands located therein are concerned. Any tax-forfeited lands may be sold by the county board to any organized or incorporated governmental subdivision of the state for any public purpose for which such subdivision is authorized to acquire property or may be released from the trust in favor of the taxing districts upon application of any

state agency for any authorized use at not less than their value as determined by the county board. The commissioner of taxation shall have power to convey by deed in the name of the state any tract of tax-forfeited land held in trust in favor of the taxing districts, to any governmental subdivision for any authorized public use, provided that an application therefor shall be submitted to the commissioner with a statement of facts as to the use to be made of such tract and the need therefor and the recommendation of the county board. The deed of conveyance shall be upon a form approved by the attorney general and shall be conditioned upon continued use for the purpose stated in the application.

Whenever any governmental subdivision to which any tax-forfeited land has been conveyed for a specified public use as provided in this section shall fail to put such land to such use or shall abandon such use, the governing body of the subdivision shall authorize the proper officers to convey the same to the State of Minnesota, and such officers shall execute a deed of such conveyance forthwith, in form approved by the attorney general, provided, however, that a sale, lease, transfer or other conveyance of such lands by a housing and redevelopment authority as authorized by sections 462.411 to 462.711 shall not be an abandonment of such use and such lands shall not be reconveyed to the state nor shall they revert to the state. No vote of the people shall be required for such conveyance. In case any such land shall not be so conveyed to the state, the commissioner of taxation shall by written instrument, in form approved by the attorney general, declare the same to have reverted to the state, and shall serve a notice thereof, with a copy of the declaration, by registered mail upon the clerk or recorder of the governmental subdivision concerned, provided, that no declaration of reversion shall be made earlier than five years from the date of conveyance for failure to put such land to such use or from the date of abandonment of such use if such lands have been put to such use. The commissioner shall file the original declaration in his office, with verified proof of service as herein required. The governmental subdivision may appeal to the district court of the county in which the land lies by filing with the clerk of court a notice of appeal, specifying the grounds of appeal and the description of the land involved, mailing a copy thereof by registered mail to the commissioner of taxation, and filing a copy thereof for record with the register of deeds or registrar of titles, all within 30 days after the mailing of the notice of reversion. The appeal shall be tried by the court in like manner as a civil action. If no appeal is taken as herein provided, the declaration of reversion shall be final. The commissioner of taxation shall file for record with the register of deeds or registrar of titles, of the county within

which the land lies, a certified copy of the declaration of reversion and proof of service.

*Any city of the first class now or hereafter having a population of 450,000, or over, or its Board of Park Commissioners, which has acquired tax-forfeited land for a specified public use pursuant to the terms of this section, may convey said land in exchange for other land of substantially equal worth located in said city of the first class, provided that the land conveyed to said city of the first class now or hereafter having a population of 450,000, or over, or its Board of Park Commissioners, in exchange shall be subject to the public use and reversionary provisions of this section; the tax-forfeited land so conveyed shall thereafter be free and discharged from the public use and reversionary provisions of this section, provided that said exchange shall in no way affect the mineral or mineral rights of the state of Minnesota, if any, in the lands so exchanged.*

Approved April 13, 1953.

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CHAPTER 317—S. F. No. 453

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to clerk hire in the office of auditor, treasurer and probate court in certain counties.*

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

**Section 1. Clerk hire, Winona county.** In any county in this state now or hereafter having a population of not less than 39,000, nor more than 42,000 inhabitants, according to the 1950 federal census and containing more than 19 and less than 23 full and fractional congressional townships and having an area of not less than 600 nor more than 700 square miles, the amount of annual clerk hire for the office of county auditor shall be \$11,000.00 and the amount of annual clerk hire for the office of county treasurer shall be \$7,000.00 and the amount of annual clerk hire for the office of the probate court shall be \$5,500.00, and such additional sums as may be allowed by the board of county commissioners.

Approved April 13, 1953.

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CHAPTER 318—S. F. No. 476

*An act relating to liens upon motor vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 514.35.*