

Section 1. **TACONITE HARBOR, TOWN OF; SPECIAL FEDERAL CENSUS.** The governing body of the town of Taconite Harbor may by resolution request the federal director of the census to take one special census of the population of the town of Taconite Harbor before January 1, 1974. A certified copy of the results of such census shall be filed with the appropriate state authorities by the governing body of the town. The result of any such census so taken and filed shall be the population of the town for purposes of any law providing that population is a required qualification for tax distribution. Such special census shall remain in force and effect until the 1980 federal decennial census is completed and the results filed or until such other special federal census as may be authorized is completed. The expense of taking the special census shall be paid by the town of Taconite Harbor.

Sec. 2. This act takes effect when approved by the governing body of the town of Taconite Harbor and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 16, 1973.

CHAPTER 285—H.F.No.1537

An act relating to tax-forfeited lands; regulating certain sale and lease provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 282.04, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 282.04, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

282.04 TAX-FORFEITED LANDS; TIMBER SALES; LEASE, PARTITION, EASEMENTS. Subdivision 1. **TIMBER SOLD FOR CASH.** The county auditor may sell dead, down and mature timber upon any tract that may be approved by the natural resources commissioner. Such sale of timber products shall be made for cash at not less than the appraised value determined by the county board to the highest bidder after not less than one week's published notice in an official paper within the county. Any timber offered at such public sale and not sold may thereafter be sold at private sale by the county auditor at not less than the appraised value thereof, until such time as the county board may withdraw such timber from sale. The appraised value of the timber and the

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forestry practices to be followed in the cutting of said timber shall be approved by the commissioner of natural resources. Payment of the full sale price of all timber sold on tax forfeited lands shall be made in cash at the time of the timber sale. The county board may require final settlement on the basis of a scale of cut products. Any parcels of land from which timber is to be sold by scale of cut products shall be so designated in the published notice of sale above mentioned, in which case the notice shall contain a description of such parcels, a statement of the estimated quantity of each species of timber thereon and the appraised price of each specie of timber for 1,000 feet, per cord or per piece, as the case may be. In such cases any bids offered over and above the appraised prices shall be by percentage, the percent bid to be added to the appraised price of each of the different species of timber advertised on the land. The purchaser of timber from such parcels shall pay in cash at the time of sale at the rate bid for all of the timber shown in the notice of sale as estimated to be standing on the land, and in addition shall pay at the same rate for any additional amounts which the final scale shows to have been cut or was available for cutting on the land at the time of sale under the terms of such sale. Where the final scale of cut products shows that less timber was cut or was available for cutting under terms of such sale than was originally paid for, the excess payment shall be refunded from the forfeited tax sale fund upon the claim of the purchaser, to be audited and allowed by the county board as in case of other claims against the county. No timber, except hardwood pulpwood, may be removed from such parcels of land or other designated landings until scaled by a person or persons designated by the county board and approved by the commissioner of natural resources. Landings other than the parcel of land from which timber is cut may be designated for scaling by the county board by written agreement with the purchaser of the timber. The county board may, by written agreement with the purchaser and with a consumer designated by him when the timber is sold by the county auditor, and with the approval of the commissioner of natural resources, accept the consumer's scale of cut products delivered at the consumer's landing. No timber shall be removed until fully paid for in cash. Small amounts of green standing, dead, down, dying, insect infected or diseased timber not exceeding ~~\$500~~ \$750 in appraised valuation may be sold for not less than the full appraised value at private sale to individual persons without first publishing notice of sale or calling for bids, provided that in case of such sale involving a total appraised value of more than \$100 the sale shall be made subject to final settlement on the basis of a scale of cut products in the manner above provided and not more than ~~one~~ two such sale sales, directly or indirectly to any individual shall be in effect at one time. As directed by the county board, the county auditor may lease tax forfeited land to individuals, corporations or organized subdivisions of the state at public or private vendue, and at such

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prices and under such terms as the county board may prescribe; for use as cottage and camp sites and for agricultural purposes and for the purpose of taking and removing of hay, stumps, sand, gravel, clay, rock, marl, and black dirt therefrom, and for garden sites and other temporary uses provided that no leases shall be for a period to exceed ten years; provided, further that any leases involving a consideration of more than ~~\$50~~ \$300 per year, except to an organized subdivision of the state shall first be offered at public sale in the manner provided herein for sale of timber. Upon the sale of any such leased land, it shall remain subject to the lease for not to exceed one year from the beginning of the term of the lease. Any rent paid by the lessee for the portion of the term cut off by such cancellation shall be refunded from the forfeited tax sale fund upon the claim of the lessee, to be audited and allowed by the county board as in case of other claims against the county. The county auditor, with the approval of the county board is authorized to grant permits, licenses, and leases to tax forfeited lands for the depositing of stripping, lean ores, tailings, or waste products from mines or ore milling plants, upon such conditions and for such consideration and for such period of time, not exceeding 15 years, as the county board may determine; said permits, licenses, or leases to be subject to approval by the commissioner of natural resources. Any person who removes any timber from tax forfeited land before said timber has been scaled and fully paid for as provided in this subdivision is guilty of a misdemeanor. The county auditor may, with the approval of the county board and the commissioner of natural resources, and without first offering at public sale, grant leases, for a term not exceeding 25 years, for the removal of peat from tax forfeited lands upon such terms and conditions as the county board may prescribe.

Provided, however, that no lease for the removal of peat shall be made by the county auditor pursuant to this section without first holding a public hearing on his intention to lease. One printed notice in a legal newspaper in the county at least ten days before the hearing, and posted notice in the court house at least 20 days before the hearing shall be given of the hearing.

Approved May 16, 1973.

CHAPTER 286—H.F.No.1579

[Not Coded]

An act relating to police pensions in the city of Saint Paul; amending Laws 1955, Chapter 151, Section 9, Subdivision 6.

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