

FINAL BILL REPORT

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Allowing the disposition of state forest lands without public auction.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation (originally sponsored by Senators Jacobsen, T. Sheldon and Rasmussen; by request of Commissioner of Public Lands).

Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation
House Committee on Natural Resources

Background: Methods currently exist to solve encroachment of landowners when they trespass on federally granted state trust land. The ownership dispute resolution methods used on granted land do not apply to the forest board lands, which were established by the Legislature, and a complex exchange and sale process must be used.

Summary: The Board of Natural Resources is given the authority to sell forest board lands to resolve trespass or condemnation. Up to ten contiguous acres of lands or lands having a value of \$25,000 or less are eligible. The lands must be sold at fair market value and the funds received are deposited in the park land trust revolving account to be used to purchase replacement lands in the same county as the property that was sold.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	44	0
House	96	0

Effective: June 8, 2000