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PROPERTY TAX Itasca County Tax Forfeited Land Pilot Program

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	Yes	No
DOR Administrative Costs/Savings		X

Department of Revenue
Analysis of H.F. 2892 (Anzelc) / S.F. 2615 (Saxhaug)

The bill allows Itasca County to create a pilot program for exchanges of tax forfeited land. The value of the land shall be determined by the Itasca County board using the options listed. Lands exchanged must be of substantially equal value. Titles must be examined and encumbrances noted. Deeds must be delivered to the county auditor, and registered with Itasca County. Deeds exchanged must include a reverter that returns the land to tax forfeit status if the land is sold within 40 years, or there is no prior approval from the Itasca County Board. Tax forfeit land must be subject to mineral reservation provisions, and a trust in favor of the governmental subdivision in which it lies.

Local approval is required.

The proposed exchanges may have an impact on the local tax base and tax rate in the future and may result in a small change in property tax refunds paid by the state.

Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue
Property Tax Division – Research Unit
http://www.taxes.state.mn.us/taxes/legal_policy

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