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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

March 18, 2008

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; establishing Lake Vermilion State Park; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.012, by adding a subdivision.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.012, is amended by adding a
1.6 subdivision to read:

1.7 Subd. 38a. Lake Vermilion State Park, St. Louis County.

1.8 **Sec. 2. LAKE VERMILION STATE PARK.**

1.9 Subdivision 1. Lake Vermilion State Park. Lake Vermilion State Park is
1.10 established in St. Louis County.

1.11 Subd. 2. Management. All lands acquired for Lake Vermilion State Park must be
1.12 administered in the same manner as provided for other state parks and must be perpetually
1.13 dedicated for that use.

1.14 Subd. 3. Boundaries. The following described lands are located within the
1.15 boundaries of Lake Vermilion State Park:

1.16 (1) Government Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and the South Half of the Southeast Quarter, all
1.17 in Section 13, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;

1.18 (2) Government Lots 6 and 8, Section 14, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;

1.19 (3) Government Lots 1 and 7 and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, all
1.20 in Section 22, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;

1.21 (4) Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, and
1.22 the South Half, all in Section 23, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;

1.23 (5) all of Section 24, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;

2.1 (6) all of Section 25, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;

2.2 (7) all of Section 26, Township 62 North, Range 15 West, excepting therefrom
2.3 all that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter lying South of the south
2.4 right-of-way line of State Highway 169 and also excepting therefrom the East 845 feet of
2.5 the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter lying South of the south right-of-way
2.6 line of State Highway 169;

2.7 (8) the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the
2.8 Southeast Quarter of Section 27, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;

2.9 (9) the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 62
2.10 North, Range 15 West, except that part lying South of the centerline of the McKinley
2.11 Park Road; and

2.12 (10) Government Lots 1 and 2 and the East Half of the Northwest Quarter, Section
2.13 19, Township 62 North, Range 14 West.

2.14 **Sec. 3. ACQUISITION; LAKE VERMILION STATE PARK.**

2.15 The commissioner of natural resources may acquire by gift or purchase the lands
2.16 for Lake Vermilion State Park. Minnesota Statutes, section 84.0272, subdivision 1, does
2.17 not apply to a purchase, except for the requirement that the lands be appraised. Prior to
2.18 the purchase of any land within the boundaries described, the state must receive from St.
2.19 Louis County a resolution supporting the purchase. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
2.20 section 92.45, or any other law to the contrary, within 24 months of the acquisition of the
2.21 state park established in section 2, the state shall transfer to St. Louis County or sell at
2.22 public auction state lands within St. Louis County of equal ad valorem value to the lands
2.23 described to be purchased in section 2. The state lands transferred or sold at auction must
2.24 not be located in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area and may include school trust fund
2.25 lands as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 92.025. The state lands transferred or sold
2.26 at auction must include shoreland footage equaling the shoreland footage described in
2.27 section 2, including any island shorelands.

2.28 **Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.29 Sections 1 and 2 are effective upon acquisition by the state of all lands described in
2.30 section 2, subdivision 3. Section 3 is effective the day following final enactment.