

Legislative Analysis



PROPERTY CONVEYANCE – GOGEBIC COUNTY

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Senate Bill 799 (S-2) as passed by the Senate

Sponsor: Sen. Ed McBroom

House Committee: Appropriations

Senate Committee: Appropriations

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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 799 would authorize the Department of Natural Resources, on behalf of the State, to receive a transfer of property for \$1.00 from the Gogebic County Road Commission, located in Watersmeet Township, for the purpose of transferring ownership and operation of the park from the county to the township. The state would then convey the property to Watersmeet Township for \$1.00 with deed restrictions.

The property is a 32.54 acre parcel that is located in Watersmeet Township. The property was originally conveyed to the Gogebic County Road Commission under 1988 PA 183 using a quitclaim deed. The property is currently used as a park owned and operated by the county. The bill would convey the property to Watersmeet Township and include a deed restriction requiring the land to be used exclusively for a township park and that the park be open to all state residents under the same terms, fees and conditions.

If the property was used for any purpose inconsistent with any restrictions listed above the State may reenter and repossess the property, terminating the grantee's or successor's estate in the property. The State would not be liable to reimburse any person for any improvements made or compensate any person for any part of an unfulfilled contract or license issued to provide goods or services. The State would also retain all coal, oil, gas, and mineral rights found on the property.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 799 would have no fiscal impact to state or local government.

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