NATIONAL AND STATE FORESTS
Act 312 of 1923

AN ACT to empower the United States of America to acquire lands in the state of Michigan by purchase or otherwise for establishing, consolidating, and extending national and state forests; to grant to the United States of America all rights necessary for the proper control and administration of lands so acquired; and to authorize cooperative agreements between the state of Michigan and the United States for the acquisition, management, and operation of public forest lands.

History: 1923, Act 312, Eff. Aug. 30, 1923;—Am. 1935, Act 216, Eff. Sept. 21, 1935.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

3.401 Forest lands; acquisition by United States, concurrent jurisdiction.

Sec. 1. That the consent of the state of Michigan be and is hereby given to the acquisition by the United States, by purchase, gift, or condemnation with adequate compensation, of such lands in Michigan as in the opinion of the federal government may be needed for the establishment, consolidation and extension of national forests in the state: Provided, That the state of Michigan shall retain a concurrent jurisdiction with the United States in and over lands so acquired so far that civil process in all cases, and such criminal process as may issue under the authority of the state of Michigan against any person charged with the commission of any crime without or within said jurisdiction, may be executed thereon in like manner as if this act had not been passed.

History: 1923, Act 312, Eff. Aug. 30, 1923;—CL 1929, 414;—CL 1948, 3.401.

3.401a Forest lands; agreements with federal agencies, administration as state forests, proceeds, distribution, title, state reimbursement.

Sec. 1a. Authority is hereby given for the conservation commission to enter into cooperative agreements with such federal agencies as have or may be given such authority by act of congress for the purpose of acquisition, management, and operation of public forest lands. Under such cooperative agreements, forest lands purchased by the United States shall be administered by the conservation commission as state forest lands and, during the period the agreement remains in force, 1/2 of the gross proceeds from all lands covered by the agreement and to which the United States holds title shall be paid by the state to the United States: Provided, That when the amount of such payments shall equal the total sum expended by the United States in acquiring said lands, title to said lands shall be transferred from the federal government to the state: And provided further, That in the event of the termination of said cooperative agreements where the title to said lands is in the United States, then the federal government shall reimburse the state for so much of the state funds as have been expended in the administration, development, and management of the lands involved as the secretary of agriculture may decide to be fair and equitable.

History: Add. 1935, Act 216, Eff. Sept. 21, 1935;—Am. 1937, Act 234, Imd. Eff. July 21, 1937;—CL 1948, 3.401a.

3.402 Forest lands; federal legislation for rules and regulations.

Sec. 2. Power is hereby conferred upon the congress of the United States to pass such laws and to make or provide for the making of such rules and regulations, of both a civil and criminal nature, and provide punishment therefor, as in its judgment may be necessary for the administration, control, and protection of such lands as may be from time to time acquired by the United States under the provisions of this act.

History: 1923, Act 312, Eff. Aug. 30, 1923;—CL 1929, 415;—CL 1948, 3.402.

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