SALE OF CERTAIN LANDS
Act 258 of 1925

AN ACT to provide for the sale of any lands heretofore or hereafter conveyed for any religious, educational, charitable, benevolent or public use or purpose, and the reinvestment of the proceeds of such sale in other lands subject to the same conditions as to the use or purpose set forth in the original conveyance, whenever, because of changed conditions or circumstances, it is impossible or impractical to hold or use said lands for the use or purpose set forth in such conveyance.

History: 1925, Act 258, Eff. Aug. 27, 1925.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

554.401 Lands sale held for public purposes and new lands purchase; bill of complaint.

Sec. 1. Whenever any lands shall heretofore or hereafter be conveyed by any grant or devise to be held or used for any religious, educational, charitable, benevolent or public purpose, with a condition annexed in the instrument of conveyance that in event said lands shall at any time cease to be held or used for the purpose set forth in such conveyance, title thereto shall revert to the grantor or devisor and his heirs, and it shall appear in the judgment of the officers, trustees or governing body of the grantee named in such conveyance that because of changed conditions or circumstances since the execution of such conveyance it is impossible or impractical to longer hold or use said lands for the purpose mentioned in such conveyance and that the religious, educational, charitable, benevolent or public object of the grantor or devisor, as set forth in such conveyance, may be prevented or defeated thereby, the said grantee may file a bill of complaint in the circuit court in chancery of the county in which said lands are situated, setting forth a correct description of such lands and the terms and conditions under which the same shall be held or used, together with a comprehensive statement of the changed conditions and circumstances which render it impossible or impractical to longer hold or use the same for the purpose mentioned in such conveyance.

History: 1925, Act 258, Eff. Aug. 27, 1925;—CL 1929, 13518;—CL 1948, 554.401.

554.402 Lands sale held for public purposes and new lands purchase; parties defendant, time.

Sec. 2. In any proceeding mentioned in section 1 the heirs of the grantor or devisor if known shall be named as defendants and the same proceedings had thereon as is provided by existing law in actions against known defendants. If the names or addresses of the heirs of any such grantor or devisor are unknown, then proceedings shall be had in such action as may be provided by existing law in proceedings against unknown defendants: Provided, however, That no such action shall be brought within a period of 10 years from the execution of any such conveyance nor within the lifetime of the grantor or devisor thereof.

History: 1925, Act 258, Eff. Aug. 27, 1925;—CL 1929, 13519;—CL 1948, 554.402.

554.403 Lands sale held for public purposes and purchase of new lands; decree.

Sec. 3. If upon the hearing it shall appear to the satisfaction of the court that the allegations in the bill of complaint are true and that because of changed conditions or circumstances since the execution of such conveyance it is impossible or impractical to longer hold or use said lands for the purposes limited in such conveyance and that the religious, educational, charitable, benevolent or public object of the grantor, as set forth in such conveyance, may be defeated thereby, a decree may be entered authorizing the grantor to sell such lands for the highest price obtainable therefor, in the same manner as may be provided by law for the sale of lands of infants and incompetent persons, and directing that the proceeds of the sale of such lands shall be reinvested in other lands suitable for the use or purpose set forth in the original conveyance, which lands shall thereupon be held by the grantee named in the original conveyance subject to the same limitations as set forth therein.

History: 1925, Act 258, Eff. Aug. 27, 1925;—CL 1929, 13520;—CL 1948, 554.403.

554.404 Lands sale held for public purposes and purchase of new lands; effect of sale on title.

Sec. 4. No sale of lands under the decree of the court as herein provided shall defeat the estate of the grantee named in the original conveyance because of the failure to longer hold or use the same for the purpose named in such conveyance and shall be sufficient to convey to the purchaser of such lands a good and sufficient title in fee simple, free from all conditions or limitations whatsoever, under which the same shall theretofore have been held or used.

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History: 1925, Act 258, Eff. Aug. 27, 1925;—CL 1929, 13521;—CL 1948, 554.404.

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