

1.1 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97A.056, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

1.2 Subd. 9. **Lands in public domain.** (a) Money appropriated from the outdoor heritage
1.3 fund shall not be used to purchase any land in fee title or a permanent conservation easement
1.4 if the land in question is fully or partially owned by the state of Minnesota or a political
1.5 subdivision of the state, unless: owns the land in fee or if the land is wholly or partially
1.6 subject to a conservation easement.

1.7 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply if:

1.8 (1) the purchase creates additional direct benefit to protect, restore, or enhance the state's
1.9 wetlands, prairies, forests, or habitat for fish, game, and wildlife;² and ~~(2)~~ the purchase is
1.10 approved by an affirmative vote of at least nine members of the council; or

1.11 (2) the purchase is for land that is partially subject to a conservation easement and no
1.12 money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund is used to pay the purchase price for
1.13 the portion of land that is subject to the easement. Nothing in this clause prohibits the use
1.14 of money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund to pay for costs and other expenses
1.15 associated with the acquisition of the land as part of the larger acquisition.

1.16 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, "conservation easement" means a conservation
1.17 easement as defined in section 84C.01.

1.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.