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Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services To Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in Certain Real Property Located on State Highway 191 in East Machias; U.S. Route 1 in Thomaston; U.S. Route 2 in Skowhegan; and Hospital Street in Augusta

Sec. 1 Definitions. Resolved: That, as used in this resolve, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services.
2. "State property" means the real estate described in section 3 with the buildings and improvements, together with all appurtenant rights and easements, and all personal property located on that property, including vehicles, machinery, equipment and supplies; and be it further

Sec. 2 Authority to convey state property. Resolved: That the State, by and through the commissioner, may:

1. Enter into a lease or leases or convey by sale the interests of the State in the state property;
2. Negotiate, draft, execute and deliver any documents necessary to settle any boundary line discrepancies;
3. Exercise, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, chapter 3, the power of eminent domain to quiet for all time any possible challenges to ownership of the state property;
4. Negotiate, draft, execute and deliver any easements or other rights that, in the commissioner's discretion, may contribute to the value of a proposed sale or lease of the State's interests; and
5. Release any interests in the state property that, in the commissioner's discretion, do not contribute to the value of the remaining state property; and be it further

Sec. 3 Property interests that may be conveyed. Resolved: That the state properties authorized to be sold or leased are the following:

1. A parcel of land in the Town of East Machias consisting of approximately 0.999 acres conveyed to the State of Maine in October 1984 and recorded in the Washington County Registry of Deeds, Book 1298, Page 201;
2. A parcel of land in the Town of Thomaston occupied by the State Police barracks in the Town of Thomaston consisting of approximately 15,400 square feet, conveyed to the State of Maine in December 1966 and recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds, Book 457, Page 322;
3. A parcel of land in the Town of Skowhegan consisting of approximately 1.4 acres conveyed to the State of Maine in September 1951 and recorded in the Somerset County Registry of Deeds, Book 533, Page 414; and

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4. A parcel of land in the City of Augusta occupied by the "brick farmhouse" on Hospital Street in Augusta, shown on Tax Map 10, Lot 8B. This parcel is part of the State's East Campus as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 814, subsection 2, paragraph A and must be conveyed with a suitable amount of land to meet municipal zoning ordinances to the extent they are applicable; and be it further

Sec. 4 Property to be sold as is. Resolved: That the commissioner may negotiate and execute leases and purchase and sale agreements upon terms the commissioner considers appropriate; however, the state property must be sold "as is," with no representations or warranties.

Title must be transferred by quitclaim deed without covenant or release deed and executed by the commissioner; and be it further

Sec. 5 Exemptions. Resolved: That any lease or conveyance pursuant to this resolve is exempt from any statutory or regulatory requirement that the state property first be offered to the Maine State Housing Authority or another state or local agency; and be it further

Sec. 6 Appraisal. Resolved: That the commissioner shall have the current market value of the state property determined by an independent appraiser. The commissioner may list the state property for sale or lease with private real estate brokers at the state property's appraised value and negotiate sales or leases, solicit bids, sell directly to purchasers or enter directly into leases with tenants. The commissioner may reject any offers; and be it further

Sec. 7 Proceeds. Resolved: That any proceeds generated pursuant to this resolve must be distributed as follows:

1. Any proceeds from the sale of state property pursuant to this resolve must be deposited into the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services' capital repair and improvement account for capital improvements as designated by the commissioner; and

2. Any proceeds from the lease of state property pursuant to this resolve must be deposited in the General Fund; and be it further

Sec. 8 Repeal. Resolved: That this resolve is repealed 5 years from its effective date.