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Resolve, To Establish the Study Committee To Develop a Disposition Plan for Future Surplus State Property in York County

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative MASTRACCIO of Sanford. Cosponsored by Senator DESCHAMBAULT of York and Representatives: BAILEY of Saco, BLUME of York, FECTEAU of Biddeford, FOLEY of Wells, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HYMANSON of York, Senators: COLLINS of York, VOLK of Cumberland.

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- Whereas, the Study Committee To Develop a Disposition Plan for Future Surplus State Property in York County must be established in order to study and plan the disposition of the 3 district courthouses in York County to be vacated when the courts are consolidated into one building in 2021 and of associated surplus state property; and
- Whereas, the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that
 the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next
 legislative session; and
- 10 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 11 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 12 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 13 therefore, be it
- 14 **Sec. 1. Committee established. Resolved:** That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 15 353, the Study Committee To Develop a Disposition Plan for Future Surplus State 16 Property in York County, referred to in this resolve as "the committee," is established; 17 and be it further
- 18 Sec. 2. Committee membership. Resolved: That the committee consists of 10
 19 members appointed as follows:
- Three members of the Senate, who represent York, Springvale and Biddeford,
 appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 22 2. Three members of the House of Representatives, who represent York, Springvale
 23 and Biddeford, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- Three municipal officials, one each from York, Springvale and Biddeford, who are
 involved in economic development, appointed by the President of the Senate; and
- 4. A representative of the Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission appointed
 by the Speaker of the House; and be it further
- 28 Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the first-named Senate member is the Senate 29 chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the 30 committee; and be it further
- Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of committee. Resolved: That all 31 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this 32 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative 33 34 Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, 35 the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the committee. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been 36 37 made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the committee to meet and conduct its business; and be it further 38

1 Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the committee shall study and plan the 2 disposition of the 3 district courthouses in York County to be vacated when the courts are 3 consolidated into one building in 2021 and of associated surplus state property; and be it 4 further

5 **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide 6 necessary staffing services to the committee; and be it further

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 6, 2017, the committee
shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested
legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 128th Legislature.

10 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this 11 legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

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13 This resolve establishes the Study Committee To Develop a Disposition Plan for 14 Future Surplus State Property in York County to study and plan the disposition of the 3 15 district courthouses in York County to be vacated when the courts are consolidated into 16 one building in 2021 and of associated surplus state property.