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## Resolve, To Require the State To Consult with the City of Hallowell prior to the Sale of Certain Real Property

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, due to the State's severe budget shortfall, there is a strong incentive to sell property in the City of Hallowell to help balance the budget; and

Whereas, negotiations have been underway to reach an agreed upon sale price; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

- **Sec. 1 Consult. Resolved:** That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall, prior to the sale of the property known as the Stevens/Reed Campus in the City of Hallowell, consult with the City of Hallowell to discuss options as to the sale and use of the property; and be it further
- **Sec. 2 Hearing. Resolved:** That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall schedule a public hearing in the City of Hallowell to review the intended use of the property and whether the use is consistent with the City of Hallowell's comprehensive plan and open space plan.

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

## **SUMMARY**

This resolve requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to meet and consult with the City of Hallowell prior to selling the property known as the Stevens/Reed Campus in Hallowell. The department shall also schedule a public hearing to discuss the use of the property and whether the use is consistent with the City of Hallowell's comprehensive plan and open space plan.