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IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
1999

this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than \$200.00.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 53

S.P. 836 - L.D. 2237

Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Corrections and the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Lease Up to 2 Acres of Land at the Maine Youth Center

Sec. 1. Authorization for lease for emergency youth shelter. Resolved: That, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 154, the Commissioner of Corrections and the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services may enter into a ground lease with Youth Alternatives, Inc. for up to 2 acres of land outside the fence of the Maine Youth Center in South Portland for an emergency youth shelter and for no other purpose. The original term of the ground lease may be for up to 30 years with those renewal options and other provisions as the commissioners in their discretion determine appropriate as long as the provisions are compatible with programs at the adjacent Maine Youth Center. The monthly rental fee may be reduced below market rates in the commissioners' discretion.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 54

H.P. 1554 - L.D. 2211

Resolve, to Modify the State Valuation for the Sappi Plant in the City of Westbrook

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

Whereas, the value of property within a municipality has a strong effect on the calculation of municipal revenue sharing; and

Whereas, the City of Westbrook derives a large portion of its tax valuation from the presence of the former SD Warren plant, now owned by Sappi Fine Paper North America; and

Whereas, Sappi has recently announced the closure of its pulp mill and a machine that makes coated base paper at the facility in Westbrook; and

Whereas, not only will this closure adversely affect approximately 315 employees, but the property valuation of the plant has decreased immensely, causing a decrease in property tax revenues for the City of Westbrook; and

Whereas, unless immediate action is taken to account for this decrease in valuation, the City of Westbrook will also suffer through the loss of significant revenues based on the decreased valuation of the Sappi plant; 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. Modify 1999 state valuations. Resolved: That notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, the 1999 state valuations for the City of Westbrook, for the purposes of calculating state-municipal revenue sharing funds, must be based on a valuation that values the property of Sappi Fine Paper North America in the City of Westbrook at \$140,000,000.

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

Effective June 5, 1999.

CHAPTER 55

H.P. 1528 - L.D. 2181

Resolve, to Help Homeless Young People Returning to Home or Safe Living Situations

Sec. 1. Homeless Youth Demonstration Project created. Resolved: That the Homeless Youth Demonstration Project, referred to in this resolve as the "project," is created. The project is administered jointly by the Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. The Department of Human Services is the lead agency for the project. The project operates 2 sites in the State to explore services for unaccompanied youths and at-risk youths that are innovative, collaborative, creative and youth-driven and that create a nontraditional approach to providing youth services; and be it further