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primary purposes of sustainable forestry or wildlife management and may be used for other scientific and educational uses that are related to, and must allow for public recreational use that is compatible with, these primary purposes.

Sec. 4. Notification. Resolved: That the Baxter State Park Director shall notify owners of property on Long Reach Lane in the Town of Harpswell abutting the parcel described in section 1 and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over parks and lands matters at least 14 days in advance of any public meeting at which the Baxter State Park Authority will consider a proposed conveyance of the Austin Cary Lot described in section 1.

Sec. 5. Opportunity for review by legislative committee. Resolved: That a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over parks and lands matters who receives notification under section 4 may notify the Baxter State Park Director of concerns and may in writing request review of the proposed conveyance by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over parks and lands matters. A member who requests review under this section shall notify the chairs of the joint standing committee of the request.

When a request for legislative review is received under this section, the director may not finalize the conveyance until the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over parks and lands matters has held a public meeting to review the proposed conveyance.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 56

H.P. 1258 - L.D. 1887

Resolve, To Improve Air Quality and Ventilation in Newly Constructed Schools

Sec. 1. Resolve 2021, c. 114, §1, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 2021, c. 114, §1 is amended to read:

Sec. 1. Department of Education to amend rules. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall amend its rules Chapter 60: New School Siting Approval, Chapter 61: State Board of Education Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects and Chapter 125: Basic Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units to require standards governing air quality and ventilation for all newly constructed public schools, including schools with mechanical and nonmechanical ventilation systems. These standards must apply to all newly constructed public schools and must apply ~~no earlier than July 1, 2022 and~~ no later than July 1, 2026. The rules

adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, and the department shall submit the provisionally adopted rules for final adoption to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs by January 4, ~~2022~~ 9, 2026.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 57

S.P. 84 - L.D. 197

Resolve, to Direct the Governor's Energy Office to Conduct a Study Regarding the Future of Electric Transmission Infrastructure in the State

Sec. 1. Study of future electric transmission infrastructure needs. Resolved: That the Governor's Energy Office, referred to in this resolve as "the office," shall conduct a study of matters related to the State's future electric transmission infrastructure needs. The study must include a review of:

1. Existing processes for the siting and permitting of new and upgraded electric transmission infrastructure in the State, including opportunities for public engagement and methods for efficiently meeting permitting or regulatory requirements;

2. Best practices related to electric transmission planning, siting, permitting and community engagement from other states or regions, including consideration of different types of state siting authorities and consideration of the potential for the sharing of electric transmission infrastructure costs with other states;

3. Existing analyses of future electric transmission needs in the State necessary to integrate new renewable resources as well as to ensure reliability, improve market efficiency or support the achievement of the State's policy goals, including the goals established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210, subsection 1-A; Title 35-A, section 3404; Title 35-A, chapter 38; and Title 38, section 576-A;

4. Types of existing rights-of-way and opportunities for potential use of those rights-of-way for siting of electric transmission infrastructure in the State, including colocation with transportation, electric transmission and railway rights-of-way; and

5. Existing and emerging technology and construction methods, such as grid-enhancing technologies, advanced conductors and so-called strategic undergrounding, including a cost-benefit analysis comparing buried high-voltage direct current lines with aerial high-voltage alternating current lines and aerial high-voltage direct current lines.