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2. Data and metrics measuring the outcomes and impacts of the study; and

3. Recommendations regarding further study or courses of action relative to the report findings.

Each joint standing committee receiving a report under this section may submit legislation based on the subject matter of the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 145

H.P. 1388 - L.D. 2075

Resolve, to Authorize the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

Sec. 1. State Tax Assessor authorized to convey real estate. Resolved: That the State Tax Assessor is authorized to convey by sale the interest of the State in real estate in the unorganized territory as indicated in this resolve. Except as otherwise directed in this resolve, the sale must be made to the highest bidder subject to the following provisions.

1. In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C, at least 90 days prior to listing property for sale, the State Tax Assessor shall send a written notice to the last known address of the former owner by United States Postal Service certified mail, return receipt requested, and first-class mail of the sale process under Title 36, section 943-C, subsection 3.

2. After 90 days, the State Tax Assessor shall list and sell the property with a real estate broker or agent licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 114 using the sale process described in Title 36, section 943-C, subsection 3.

3. If, after 3 attempts, the State Tax Assessor is unable to contract with a real estate broker or agent for the sale of the property, or the broker or agent is unable to sell the property within 12 months after listing, the State Tax Assessor shall sell the property to the highest bidder for an amount not less than the outstanding taxes, interest, deed and other costs. Notice of the sale must be published 3 times prior to the sale, once each week for 3 consecutive weeks in a newspaper in the county where the real estate lies, except in those cases in which the sale is to be made to a specific individual or individuals as authorized in this resolve, in which case notice need not be published.

4. Following the sale of any property under this resolve, the State Tax Assessor shall pay the former owner any excess sale proceeds in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 943-C, subsection 3.

If bids in the minimum amount recommended in this resolve are not received after the notice of sale under subsection 3, the State Tax Assessor may sell the property for not less than the minimum amount without again asking for bids if the property is sold on or before August 1, 2027.

Employees of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services and spouses, siblings, parents and children of employees of the Bureau of Revenue Services are barred from acquiring from the State any of the real property subject to this resolve.

Upon receipt of payment as specified in this resolve, the State Tax Assessor shall record the deed in the appropriate registry at no additional charge to the purchaser before sending the deed to the purchaser.

Abbreviations and plan and lot references are identified in the 2023 unorganized territory valuation book. Parcel descriptions are as follows:

2023 MATURED TAX LIENS

Sinclair Township, Aroostook County

Map AR021, Plan 10, Lot 86	038982003 1198-7215
Camp Spirit, LLC	7.30 acres with building

TAX LIABILITY

2023	$2,219.16
2024	$2,749.83
2025	$2,070.23
2026 (estimated)	$2,070.23
Estimated Total Taxes	$9,109.45
Interest	$565.18
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$9,737.63

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $9,737.63. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $9,750.00.

T20 R11 & R12 WELS (Big Twenty Township), Aroostook County

Map AR078, Plan 02, Lot 4	038010084 1201-1250
Gaz Bar US, Inc.	3.79 acres

TAX LIABILITY

2021	$51.08
2022	$52.17
2023	$51.95
2024	$66.66
2025	$64.58
2026 (estimated)	$64.58
Estimated Total Taxes	$351.02
Interest	$28.55
Costs	$76.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$480.57

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $480.57. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $500.00.

T20 R11 & R12 WELS (Big Twenty Township), Aroostook County

Map AR078, Plan 02, Lots 4.1 & 5	038010010 1213-5154
Gaz Bar US, Inc.	2.81 acres with building

TAX LIABILITY

2021	$180.81
2022	$182.10
2023	$181.33
2024	$225.83
2025	$195.43
2026 (estimated)	$195.43
Estimated Total Taxes	$1,160.93
Interest	$99.14
Costs	$76.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$1,361.07

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $1,361.07. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $1,375.00.

T4 R3 BKP WKR (Wyman Township), Franklin County

Map FR004, Plan 02, Lot 99	078280191 1411-5387
Purtle, Thomas	0.23 acre

TAX LIABILITY

2023	$182.28
2024	$167.11
2025	$180.10
2026 (estimated)	$180.10
Estimated Total Taxes	$709.59
Interest	$41.73
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$814.32

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $814.32. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $825.00.

Freeman Township, Franklin County

Map FR025, Plan 02, Lots 162.62 & 162.63	078082059 1197-4373
Pinkham, Mark	14.00 acres

TAX LIABILITY

2023	$60.49
2024	$174.85
2025	$311.42
2026 (estimated)	$311.42
Estimated Total Taxes	$858.18
Interest	$28.76
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$949.94

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $949.94. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $950.00.

Albany Township, Oxford County

Map OX016, Plan 01, Lot 109	178020370 1214-5868
Conery, Robert, Jr.	1.40 acres with building

TAX LIABILITY

2023	$116.87
2024	$138.00
2025	$233.48
2026 (estimated)	$233.48
Estimated Total Taxes	$721.83
Interest	$29.16
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$813.99

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $813.99. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $825.00.

Kingman Township, Penobscot County

Map PE036, Plan 01, Lot 3.2	198080029 1218-0040
Whitehead, Donald	0.83 acre with building

TAX LIABILITY

2023	$114.26
2024	$128.53
2025	$161.76
2026 (estimated)	$161.76
Estimated Total Taxes	$566.31
Interest	$28.06
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$657.37

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $657.37. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $675.00.

Kingman Township, Penobscot County

Map PE036, Plan 03, Lots 118 & 119	198080295 1201-6033
Osgood, Keith and Helen	0.55 acre with building

TAX LIABILITY

2023	$182.05
2024	$214.16
2025	$324.37
2026 (estimated)	$324.37
Estimated Total Taxes	$1,044.95
Interest	$45.47
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$1,153.42

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $1,153.42. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $1,175.00.

Kingman Township, Penobscot County

Map PE036, Plan 03, Lot 143	198080097 1212-0663
Keith, Helen M. and Perry, Patricia A.	1.75 acres

TAX LIABILITY

2023	$89.00
2024	$104.72
2025	$150.35
2026 (estimated)	$150.35
Estimated Total Taxes	$494.42
Interest	$22.23
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$579.65

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $579.65. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $600.00.

Prentiss Township, Penobscot County

Map PE038, Plan 11, Lot 21	195400197 1197-9190
Keough, George and Santiago, Damian	41.00 acres

TAX LIABILITY

2023	$244.53
2024	$305.42
2025	$292.10
2026 (estimated)	$292.10
Estimated Total Taxes	$1,134.15
Interest	$62.45
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$1,259.60

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $1,259.60. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $1,275.00.

Greenfield Township, Penobscot County

Map PE039, Plan 08, Lot 67.3	192700339 1231-5069
Dagostino, David and James	2.60 acres

TAX LIABILITY

2023	$61.58
2024	$64.54
2025	$105.56
2026 (estimated)	$105.56
Estimated Total Taxes	$337.24
Interest	$14.74
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$414.98

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $414.98. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $425.00.

Elliotsville Township, Piscataquis County

Map PI084, Plan 02, Lot 34 — 210800115 1225-5098

Beety, Therese R. and Thomas, Michael P. (Personal Representative) — 0.45 acre with building

TAX LIABILITY

2023	$220.65
2024	$278.78
2025	$269.87
2026 (estimated)	$269.87
Estimated Total Taxes	$1,039.17
Interest	$37.52
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$1,139.69

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $1,139.69. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $1,150.00.

T2 R1 BKP WKR (Lexington Township), Somerset County

Map SO001, Plan 02, Lot 19.3 — 258310268 1204-6690

Emond, Normand — 0.23 acre with building, 25% ownership

TAX LIABILITY

2023	$13.17
2024	$13.00
2025	$23.09
2026 (estimated)	$23.09
Estimated Total Taxes	$72.35
Interest	$1.23
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$136.58

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $136.58. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $150.00.

T3 R6 BKP WKR (Upper Enchanted Township), Somerset County

Map SO015, Plan 09, Lot 158 — 258582016 1225-0264

Stratton, Basil and Raeann — 41.20 acres with building

TAX LIABILITY

2023	$497.50
2024	$540.91
2025	$553.12
2026 (estimated)	$553.12
Estimated Total Taxes	$2,144.65
Interest	$120.65
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$2,238.30

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $2,238.30. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $2,350.00.

T5 R6 BKP WKR (Haynestown), Somerset County

Map SO017, Plan 01, Lot 5 — 258650008 1236-5194

McCorrison, Melvin B. — 3.00 acres with building

TAX LIABILITY

2023	$785.57
2024	$757.39
2025	$973.05
2026 (estimated)	$973.05
Estimated Total Taxes	$3,489.06
Interest	$182.76
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$3,734.82

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $3,734.82. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $3,750.00.

T29 Middle Division (Devereaux Township), Washington County

Map WA009, Plan 01, Lot 12	298020016 1198-7576
Corey, Paul B.	0.94 acre

TAX LIABILITY

2023	$436.33
2024	$426.62
2025	$674.42
2026 (estimated)	$674.42
Estimated Total Taxes	$2,211.79
Interest	$101.97
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$2,376.76

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $2,376.76. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $2,400.00.

T30 Middle Division, Washington County

Map WA010, Plan 01, Lot 1.1	298260035 1219-0038
Moody, Joshua	0.00 acres building only

TAX LIABILITY

2023	$281.27
2024	$313.52
2025	$324.02
2026 (estimated)	$324.02
Estimated Total Taxes	$1,242.83
Interest	$68.83
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$1,374.66

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $1,374.66. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $1,375.00.

Brookton Township, Washington County

Map WA028, Plan 02, Lot 33	298010112 1201-1577
Butterfield, Mary	0.50 acre with building

TAX LIABILITY

2023	$505.47
2024	$801.68
2025	$848.92
2026 (estimated)	$848.92
Estimated Total Taxes	$3,004.99
Interest	$130.64
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$3,198.63

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $3,198.63. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $3,200.00.

Trescott Township, Washington County

Map WA032, Plan 01, Lot 47.8	298110352 1209-5631
Scollan, Michael F. and Raymond J.	1.62 acres

TAX LIABILITY

2023	$55.30
2024	$55.20
2025	$81.83
2026 (estimated)	$81.83
Estimated Total Taxes	$274.16
Interest	$13.03
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$350.19

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $350.19. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $375.00.

Big Lake Township, Washington County

Map WA033, Plan 03, Lot 7.4	293400192 1200-2275
Blaney, Richard et al.	0.60 acre with building

TAX LIABILITY

2023	$476.54
2024	$468.98
2025	$1,117.88
2026 (estimated)	$1,117.88
Estimated Total Taxes	$3,181.28
Interest	$111.60
Costs	$38.00
Deed	$25.00
Total	$3,355.88

Recommendation: Sell to the former owner or the former owner's heirs or devisees for $3,355.88. If payment is not received within 90 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than $3,375.00.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 146

S.P. 772 - L.D. 1965

Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Create a Court Navigation Program Plan

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

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period due to the rise in the number of litigants who are not represented by an attorney and in order to provide the task force established by this resolve sufficient time to complete its work; 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. University of Maine System to convene task force. Resolved: That the University of Maine System shall convene a task force, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," to create a court navigation program plan. The membership of the task force must consist of at least one representative from each of the following:

1. The schools of social work of the University of Maine System;

2. The University of Maine School of Law;

3. Maine Pretrial Services, Inc.;

4. Pine Tree Legal Assistance;

5. Disability Rights Maine;

6. The National Alliance on Mental Illness Maine;

7. 211 Maine;

8. The Department of Health and Human Services; and

9. The judicial branch.

Sec. 2. Court navigation program plan. Resolved: That the task force shall examine court navigation programs nationwide, recommend a model for a court navigation program for use in the State and create a plan for implementing the program. At a minimum, the court navigation program model recommended by the task force must be designed to:

1. Provide guidance and information about court processes and procedures to persons involved with the court system;

2. Provide persons involved with the court system referrals to community-based resources related to their behavioral health needs, such as mental health treatment and substance use disorder treatment, and their economic and social service-related needs, such as housing, employment, transportation and food, in order to address those needs; and

3. Be operated, in significant part, by social work students and law students who have the opportunity to earn academic credit for their participation in the operation of the court navigation program.

In pursuing its duties under this section, the task force shall consult with advocates for persons who are unhoused, for survivors of domestic violence, for survivors of sexual assault and for other identifiable populations who may particularly benefit from the assistance of the court navigation program.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 15, 2027, the task force shall submit a report that includes the court navigation program plan required by section 2, including a model for a court navigation program for use in this State, and that includes suggested legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the subject matter of the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

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

Effective March 22, 2026.