

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BILL SUMMARY



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1508

RESOLVE, AUTHORIZING THE BUREAU OF Moholland OTP
PUBLIC LANDS TO CONVEY BY SALE TO
THE MAINE STATE ADVENT CHRISTIAN CON-
FERENCE THE STATE'S INTEREST IN THE
FORMER MUNICIPAL BUILDING OF

SUMMARY: ID 1508 which proposed to transfer title to the former municipal building of Plantation 21 from the Bureau of Public Lands to the Maine State Advent Christian Conference was found to be unconstitutional (555 Federal Supplement 427 (1982)) - Annunziato v. New Haven Board of Aldermen. ID 1508 was redrafted to allow the State Tax Assessor to transfer the title to the property to the Bureau of Public Lands. The Bureau of Public Lands is authorized to lease the property to the Princeton Grange #293 for a period not to exceed 5 years. A provision of reversion is also included. See LD 1636.

1521 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE 1983 A- Diamond, J. LV/WD
MENDMENTS TO THE MAINE HOUSING AUTH-
CRITIES ACT

SUMMARY: ID 1521 proposed a number of changes to the Maine State Housing Authorities Act. This bill proposed to change state policy with respect to housing for low income people to allow unacceptable housing to be a basis for MSHA assistance. In addition, ID 1521 proposed to allow the MSHA to provide direct loans, to purchase or sell pension and retirement monies, to increase the ceiling on the outstanding principal of moral obligation mortgage purchase bonds from \$355,000,000 to \$435,000,000, to change the MSH advisory board from 15 to 2 members, and to allow the MSHA to determine the 100% median family income for the HOME Program rather than rely on the federal government for this determination.

1553 AN ACT RELATING TO MAJOR POLICY- Conley LV/WD
INFLUENCING POSITIONS IN CERTAIN
REGULATORY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
AGENCIES

SUMMARY: ID 1553 proposed to make 28 positions within the Department of Education, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Marine Resources, and Public Safety major policy influencing positions. These positions would be subject to the pleasure of the commissioners. Any classified employee appointed to one of these positions would have 12 months to determine whether the appointee wished to remain in the unclassified position or return to a classified position similar in responsibility and pay to the former position. Incumbents would be grandfathered to July 1, 1984.