

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Burns of Anson.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
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**RESOLVE, Authorizing the Department of Mental Health and Corrections to Convey by Sale the Interest of the State in Certain Lands and Buildings of the Maine Correctional Center at Skowhegan.**

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**Mental Health and Corrections authorized to convey land by sale. Resolved:** That the Department of Mental Health and Corrections is authorized to convey by sale the interest of the State in lands and buildings as noted below to be made to the highest bidder; provided

1. That notice of the sale is published 3 times, once each week for 3 consecutive weeks, in some newspaper of general circulation in Somerset County;
2. That the parcel of land and buildings shall not be sold for less than the amount determined by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Public Improvements, to be fair market value;
3. That title will be granted to the buyer by quitclaim deed; and
4. That in the event of identical high bids, that bid postmarked earlier shall be considered the highest bid.

The facility, known as the Maine Correctional Center at Skowhegan, consists of 10 acres of land, more or less, with buildings thereon as follows:

Administrative residence with 2-car garage;  
Guard house;  
Stevens building;  
Damon cottage;  
Milliken cottage;  
Elmhurst building;

Administration and treatment building ;  
Staff residence ;  
Dairy and hay barn ;  
Sewerage disposal plant with access thereto ;  
Power transmission lines with poles ; and

All the remaining interest of the Maine Correctional Center at Skowhegan with the exception of that conveyed to the Department of Conservation.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The Maine Correctional Center at Skowhegan is not included in long range program plans of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections. It costs the department approximately \$40,000 per year to maintain the facility in mothball status, and despite this expenditure, the buildings are falling into disrepair. Other agencies have expressed an interest in the property, and the proceeds from the sale would accrue to the General Fund.