

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1785**

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S. P. 678

In Senate, January 9, 1980

Taken from the Table by the President and referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Najarian of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

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**AN ACT to Allow the City of Portland to Sell or Lease its Central Fire Station.**

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

Whereas, certain land in the City of Portland known as Lincoln Park Extension and bounded by Pearl, Market, Federal and Congress Streets was taken by eminent domain by the municipal officers of the City of Portland on October 26, 1908 "for the purpose of a public park;" and

Whereas, Private and Special Law 1923, chapter 82, authorized the City of Portland to construct a fire station upon Lincoln Park Extension, thereafter known as "Central Fire Station;" and

Whereas, the City of Portland has discontinued use of Central Fire Station as a fire station; and

Whereas, various public entities and nonprofit organizations may desire to use the former Central Fire Station for public purposes of benefit to the City of Portland, which uses are denied because of the limited purpose of the acquisition on October 26, 1908; 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 enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**P&SL 1923, c. 82, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:**

**The City of Portland is hereby authorized and empowered to lease or sell Lincoln Park Extension and its former Central Fire Station, located in the city and bounded by Pearl, Market, Federal and Congress Streets, upon such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate; provided that any lease or sale shall require that the Lincoln Park Extension and Central Fire Station continue to be devoted to public purposes. Furthermore, the city, its lessees or purchasers, may make such future additions to the structure or such changes or repairs as it deems necessary in furtherance of the public purposes permitted herein. This authority is granted notwithstanding the fact that Lincoln Park Extension was originally taken for, and dedicated to, park purposes and shall be in addition to authority previously granted to the City of Portland.**

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would allow the City of Portland to lease or sell its former Central Fire Station located on Lincoln Park Extension for public purposes.