

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 2712

H.P. 2008 House of Representatives, November 28, 1988
Approved for introduction by a majority of the
Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government
suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake.

Cosponsored by President PRAY of Penobscot, Senators
PERKINS of Hancock and CLARK of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT

1 AN ACT Imposing a Moratorium on
2 Development in the Capitol Area.
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4 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the
5 Legislature do not become effective until 90 days
6 after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

7 Whereas, the Capitol Planning Commission and the
8 Supreme Judicial Court Plan and Design Commission are
9 now reviewing plans for a new court facility and for

1 the Capitol Area; and

2 Whereas, the commissions require additional time
3 to complete their reviews and make their
4 recommendations; and

5 Whereas, it is vitally important to preserve the
6 status quo pending completion of these reviews and to
7 prohibit development of sites which the commissions
8 may later designate; and

9 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these
10 facts create an emergency within the meaning of the
11 Constitution of Maine and require the following
12 legislation as immediately necessary for the
13 preservation of the public peace, health and safety;
14 now, therefore,

15 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
16 follows:

17 5 MRSA §304-A is enacted to read:

18 §304-A. Moratorium on development

19 No person may sell, transfer, develop or begin
20 construction on any parcel of land within the Capitol
21 Area from December 1, 1988 to February 28, 1989. The
22 purpose of this moratorium is to preserve the status
23 quo while the Capitol Planning Commission and the
24 Supreme Judicial Court Plan and Design Commission
25 complete their ongoing review of proposals for a court
26 facility and the revisions to the Capitol Area plan.

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

30 STATEMENT OF FACT

31 This bill will impose a short emergency moratorium
32 on development in the State Capitol Area. The
33 moratorium will run from December 1, 1988 to February
34 28, 1989.

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