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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TITCOMB of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative SIMPSON of Casco.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Ensure That Unwilling Sellers Are Provided Fair Treatment in the Land for Maine's Future Process.

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

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5 MRSA §6206-A, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 485, §1 and as repealed and replaced by c. 603, §1, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Any owner of land, which has been nominated for acquisition and is subject to the notice requirements of this section, may submit a properly sworn affidavit to the board indicating the owner's unwillingness to sell. Such an affidavit is notice to the board that continued evaluation of that land is inappropriate and, unless the board intends to acquire an interest in the land through the use of eminent domain pursuant to section 6207-A, the board may not consider that land for acquisition.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that any landowner whose land has been nominated for a Land for Maine's Future purchase may present to the Land for Maine's Future Board an affidavit of unwillingness to sell the property to the State. A properly sworn affidavit of unwillingness notifies the board that evaluation of that property is inappropriate. Unless the Land for Maine's Future Board intends to secure the land through eminent domain, requiring legislative approval, the affidavit will serve as notice to the board to cease evaluation for purchase of that parcel of land.