

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-1997

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No. 1809

S.P. 608

In Senate, April 16, 1997

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### Resolve, Authorizing the Exchange and Sale of Certain Public Lands.

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Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PARADIS of Aroostook. (GOVERNOR'S BILL).  
Cosponsored by Representative BELANGER of Wallagrass and  
Senator MILLS of Somerset, Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, DESMOND of  
Mapleton, HATCH of Skowhegan.

2           **Preamble.** Whereas, the Constitution of Maine, Article IX,  
3 Section 23 requires that real estate designated held by the State  
4 for conservation purposes may not be reduced or its uses  
5 substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members  
6 elected to each House; and

7           Whereas, the lands authorized for sale by this resolve are  
8 under the designations described in the Maine Revised Statutes,  
9 Title 12, section 598-A; and

10           Whereas, the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands  
11 within the Department of Conservation may sell or exchange lands  
12 with the approval of the Legislature in accordance with the Maine  
13 Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 590; now, therefore, be it

14           **Sec. 1. Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized to**  
15 **convey certain public lands. Resolved:** That the Director of the  
16 Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Conservation  
17 may by quitclaim deed convey the following properties for not  
18 less than fair market value or best offer through competitive  
19 bidding:

20           1. **Fort Kent.** A common and undivided 3/4 interest in the  
21 public lot in the Town of Fort Kent, totalling approximately 54  
22 acres;

23           2. **Ashland.** All right, title and interest in and to  
24 approximately 0.63 acres and associated buildings located on  
25 Garfield Road in the Town of Ashland;

26           3. **Solon.** All right, title and interest in and to  
27 approximately 40 acres in the Town of Solon, which land is  
28 located near the boundary line of the Town of Solon and the Town  
29 of Athens; and

30           4. **Little Squaw Township.** All right, title and interest in  
31 and to land on Beech Street in Little Squaw Township, totalling  
32 approximately 1/4 acre; and be it further

33           **Sec. 2. Use of proceeds from sale of property. Resolved:** That all  
34 money received from the sales of these lands must be deposited in  
35 the Public Reserved Lands Acquisition Fund in accordance with the  
36 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 590 and must be used to  
37 purchase additional land for the public reserved lands system in  
38 the same counties as the properties herein conveyed.

## SUMMARY

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4 This resolve authorizes the sale of the State's common and  
undivided 3/4 interest in approximately 54 acres located in the  
6 Town of Fort Kent. The State has entered into a purchase and  
sale contract with Delsie Corriveau, an abutting landowner of  
8 Fort Kent, to sell the State's common and undivided interest for  
\$12,800, which exceeds fair market value.

10 This resolve authorizes the sale of approximately 0.63 acres  
and associated buildings in the Town of Ashland.

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14 This resolve authorizes the sale of approximately 40 acres  
of undeveloped land in the Town of Solon.

16 This resolve also authorizes the sale of one lot  
approximately 1/4 acre in size in Little Squaw Township. This  
18 conveyance will resolve a long-standing boundary line matter  
involving the abutting landowner. The State has entered into a  
20 purchase and sale contract with Francis Bryant of Greenville to  
sell the State's fee simple interest for \$1,700, the fair market  
22 value.

24 Revenues generated by these sales will be used to purchase  
land containing more significant natural resources and public use  
26 values elsewhere in Aroostook County, Somerset County and  
Piscataquis County.