

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 348

S.P. 124

In Senate, January 30, 2003

### An Act To Limit State Land Ownership

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SHOREY of Washington.  
Cosponsored by Representative CLARK of Millinocket and  
Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, KNEELAND of Aroostook, YOUNGBLOOD of Penobscot,  
Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, DUGAY of Cherryfield, McGOWAN of Pittsfield,  
PELLON of Machias.

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1829-A** is enacted to read:

§1829-A. Limitation on public land holding

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, publicly owned land in this State may not exceed 20% of the total land area of the State or 33% of the land area in a county. For purposes of this section, the term "publicly owned land" means land in which the State or a municipality holds property rights, including easements, development rights, trust rights or other ownership interests.

With the approval of 2/3 of the Legislature, the State may exceed the limits of this section.

## SUMMARY

This bill limits publicly owned land in the State to no more than 20% of the total land area of the State or 33% of the land area in any county. The bill also allows the State to exceed the limit with the approval of 2/3 of the Legislature.