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House of Representatives, March 28, 2005

An Act Requiring a Municipality To Provide Proof of Ownership before Selling Acquired Property

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative JACKSON of Fort Kent.
Cosponsored by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook and
Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, CANAVAN of Waterville, DUNN of Bangor,
GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, NASS of Acton, PELLETIER-SIMPSON of Auburn,
SHERMAN of Hodgdon.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2006 is enacted to read:
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	§2006. Sale of acquired property
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	1. Proof of ownership. Before a municipality may sell
8	acquired property, the municipality shall provide the purchaser
	proof of ownership of the property.
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	2. Misrepresentation. If, at a later date, it is prover
12	that the municipality misrepresented ownership of the property,
	the municipality shall refund to the injured party all costs
14	incurred, including any legal fees, as a result of the
	misrepresentation of ownership.
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18	SUMMARY
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20	This bill requires a municipality to provide proof of
	ownership of acquired property before the municipality can sell
22	the property. The bill also requires the municipality to pay all
2.4	costs to the injured party if the municipality misrepresented
24	ownership of the property.