

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 23, 2016

### **An Act Regarding Consent to Land Transfers to the Federal Government**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §15** is amended to read:

3 **§15. Consent of Legislature to acquisition of land by United States for public**  
4 **buildings; record of conveyances**

5 In accordance with the Constitution of the United States, Article 1, Section VIII,  
6 Clause 17, and Acts of Congress in such cases provided, the consent of the Legislature is  
7 given to the acquisition by the United States, or under its authority, by purchase,  
8 condemnation or otherwise, of any land in this State required for the erection of  
9 lighthouses or for sites for customhouses, courthouses, post offices, arsenals or other  
10 public buildings, or for any other purposes of the government. Deeds and conveyances or  
11 title papers for the same ~~shall~~ must be recorded upon the land records of the county or  
12 registry district in which the land so conveyed may lie; and in like manner may be  
13 recorded a sufficient description by metes and bounds, courses and distances, of any  
14 tracts and legal divisions of any public lands belonging to the United States set apart by  
15 the general government for either of the purposes before mentioned, by an order, patent  
16 or other official paper so describing such land. These deeds and conveyances or title  
17 papers must contain a covenant requiring that all right, title and interest in the property  
18 revert to the grantor if the United States attempts to designate this property a national  
19 monument pursuant to 54 United States Code, Section 320301 (2015).

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill amends the laws governing the consent that is given by the State to the  
22 Federal Government to acquire land to require that such an acquisition include a reverter  
23 clause to apply in the event the Federal Government attempts to designate such land a  
24 national monument.