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House of Representatives, February 7, 1957.

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Anthoine of Windham.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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### RESOLVE, Authorizing Attorney General to Convey Interest of the State in Certain Lands in Cumberland County.

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**Authorizing the Attorney General to convey certain lands. Resolved:** That the Attorney General be, and hereby is, authorized to convey by quit-claim deed the interest of the State in the lands included in the area on the shore of Little Sebago lake in the county of Cumberland, which lands lie in whole or in part between the ancient low water mark as established by the common law and the present low water mark of said lake, to such persons as shall have on the effective date of this resolve deeds and conveyances of record purporting to convey to them title to such lands.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

At present the lands on the shore of Little Sebago lake have been cultivated and homes built thereon by various people. This land was formerly under water and title to such lands rest in the State.

Prior to about 1775, the elevation of Little Sebago Lake was between elevation 296 and 297 ft. above mean sea level.

At about that time, a diversion canal was cut diverting the waters of Little Sebago from the natural outlet therefrom into Pleasant River. Some hundred years later, the dam which controlled the diverted waters was destroyed and the elevation dropped to 285.9 ft. The effect of this water surface lowering was to reduce the lake from its original water surface of 4.9 square miles to its

present water surface area of about 2.92 square miles. Thus the land area reflected in this decreasing water area appears to be owned by the State.

It is the intention of this Resolve to convey to the abutting property owners such right, title and interest as the State may have down to the low water level, as it has existed for at least seventy-five (75) years.