# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### **LAWS**

#### **OF THE**

## STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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> J.S. McCarthy Company Augusta, Maine 1997

- **Sec. 4. Staffing. Resolved:** That the State Planning Office shall provide staff assistance to the task force; and be it further
- Sec. 5. Coordination. Resolved: That the task force shall coordinate with other appropriate state agencies and other organizations, including but not limited to: the Maine Emergency Management Agency; the Bureau of General Services; the Department of Environmental Protection; the Department of Economic and Community Development; the Division of Health Engineering; the Maine State Housing Authority; and professional and technical organizations specializing in the areas of fire prevention and safety, insurance, engineering, planning, life safety, access and manufactured housing; and be it further
- **Sec. 6. Compensation. Resolved:** That task force members shall serve without compensation; and be it further
- **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That the task force shall submit its findings, together with any recommendations, including implementing legislation, to the Governor and the Joint Standing Committee on Banking and Insurance by January 15, 1998.

See title page for effective date.

#### **CHAPTER 25**

S.P. 459 - L.D. 1431

#### Resolve, to Establish the Sister State Program

- Sec. 1. Maine State Cultural Affairs Council directed to identify potential "sister state." Resolved: That the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council shall identify other states and countries with similar cultural or business interests that would benefit the State through reciprocal agreements; and be it further
- **Sec. 2. Report date. Resolved:** That the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council shall report its findings and recommendations, including any necessary implementing legislation, to the Legislature by March 1, 1998.

See title page for effective date.

#### **CHAPTER 26**

S.P. 223 - L.D. 682

#### Resolve, Authorizing the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory

- Sec. 1. State Tax Assessor authorized to convey real estate. Resolved: That the State Tax Assessor is authorized to convey by sale the interest of the State in real estate in the Unorganized Territory as indicated in this resolve. The sale, except as otherwise directed in this resolve, must be made to the highest bidder subject to the following provisions:
- 1. Notice of the sale must be published 3 times prior to the sale, once each week for 3 consecutive weeks in some newspaper in the county where the real estate lies; except in those cases in which the sale is to be made to a specific individual or individuals as authorized in this resolve, in which case notice need not be published; and
- 2. A parcel may not be sold for less than the amount as authorized in this resolve. If identical high bids are received, the bid postmarked with the earliest date is considered the highest bid.

If bids in the minimum amount recommended in this resolve are not received after the notice, the State Tax Assessor may sell the property for not less than the minimum amount, without again asking for bids, if the property is sold on or before March 1, 1998.

Employees of the Bureau of Taxation and members of the immediate family of employees of the Bureau of Taxation are barred from acquiring from the State any of the real property subject to this resolve.

The State Tax Assessor, upon receipt of payment as specified in this resolve, shall record the deed in the appropriate registry at no additional charge to the purchaser before sending the deed to the purchaser.

Abbreviations, plan and lot references are identified in the 1994 State Valuation.

T17 R4 WELS, Aroostook County

Map AR021, Plan 02, Lot 18 038980376

Wilma Ely, Trustee U/D/T

0.23 Acres