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**CHAPTER 593**

**H.P. 1557 - L.D. 2059**

**An Act Regarding Site Selection  
Criteria for Parking for State  
Facilities**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4349-A, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 90, §2 and c. 406, §13, is further amended to read:

**2. State facilities.** The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services shall develop site selection criteria for state office buildings, state courts and other state civic buildings that serve public clients and customers, whether owned or leased by the State, that give preference to the priority locations identified in this subsection while ensuring safe, healthy, appropriate work space for employees and clients and accounting for agency requirements. On-site parking may only be required if it is necessary to meet critical program needs and to ensure reasonable access for agency clients and persons with disabilities. Employee parking that is within reasonable walking distance may be located off site. If there is a change in employee parking from on-site parking to off-site parking, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services must consult with the duly authorized bargaining agent or agents of the employees. Preference must be given to priority locations in the following order: service center downtowns, service center growth areas and downtowns and growth areas in other than service center communities. If no suitable priority location exists or if the priority location would impose an undue financial hardship on the occupant or is not within a reasonable distance of the clients and customers served, the facility must be located in accordance with subsection 1. The following state facilities are exempt from this subsection: a state liquor store; a lease of less than 500 square feet; and a lease with a tenure of less than one year, including renewals.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 594**

**H.P. 1614 - L.D. 2111**

**An Act to Authorize County  
Extension Building Associations to  
Borrow Money**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §196** is enacted to read:

**§196. Building associations authorized**

The county commissioners of a county or combination of 2 counties in which there is a county extension association may form a county extension building association pursuant to this section and Title 13, chapter 81. In addition to the powers and authority granted and duties and limitations imposed under Title 13, chapter 81, the county extension building association has all the powers and authority granted under this section and is subject to all the duties and limitations imposed under this section, except that, in the case of any conflict between this section and Title 13, chapter 81, this section controls. A county extension building association is a political subdivision of the State and a constituted authority for purposes of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 103.

**1. Purpose.** The purpose of a county extension building association is to acquire, by purchase, lease or otherwise, buildings and other real and personal property to be used by a county extension association in carrying out its public purposes under this chapter.

**2. Directors.** The county commissioners of the county or counties forming the county extension building association shall determine the method of choosing the building association's directors. A majority of the directors of a county extension building association must be appointed by the county commissioners of the county or counties comprising the affiliated county extension association.

**3. Borrowing.** In order to carry out its purpose, a county extension building association by a vote of the directors may borrow money on behalf of the county or of either or both of the counties comprising the affiliated county extension association by the issuance of bonds or notes and grant mortgages and security interest in the county extension building association's property to secure the obligations. All bonds or notes must be for a term not to exceed 30 years and contain such terms and conditions as the directors of the county extension building association determine. The bonds or notes may not be an obligation of or pledge the faith and credit of the State or any county or political subdivision other than the county extension building association. Bonds or notes may be issued by the county extension building association under this section without obtaining the consent of any commission, board, bureau or agency of the State or of the county or counties comprising the affiliated county extension association and without any other proceeding or conditions than those