

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**  
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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**2001**

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective June 19, 2001.

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**CHAPTER 59**

**H.P. 1370 - L.D. 1827**

**Resolve, Directing the Department of Economic and Community Development to Study the Designation of Tourism Regions**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the 8 tourism regions that have been designated by the tourism industry to promote tourism in the State may not adequately reflect the unique economic and cultural differences of certain areas of the State; and

**Whereas,** these unique areas of the State, such as the St. John Valley, the Downeast region and the so-called "River Valley," may benefit economically from an industry designation as a tourism region; and

**Whereas,** the establishment of a dedicated source of revenue to fund the Office of Tourism within the Department of Economic and Community Development would provide substantial additional funds to the office to distribute annually to organizations within the tourism regions to assist with the tourism promotion efforts of their respective regions; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Department of Economic and Community Development directed to study the designation of tourism regions. Resolved:** That the Department of Economic and Community Development shall study expanding the number of industry-designated tourism regions in the State to reflect the unique cultural attributes and economic needs of various areas of the State. In studying the current tourism region designations, the department shall consult with representatives of the tourism industry. The department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on

Business and Economic Development before December 31, 2001.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

Effective June 19, 2001.

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**CHAPTER 60**

**S.P. 338 - L.D. 1145**

**Resolve, Authorizing the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to Sell or Lease the Interests of the State in the Jacob Abbott House Property Located at the Stevens School Campus in Hallowell**

**Sec. 1. Definitions. Resolved:** That, as used in this resolve, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services.
2. "State property" means the real and personal property described in section 3 of this resolve; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Authority to convey property. Resolved:** That the State, by and through the commissioner, may:

1. Lease, sell or transfer the interests of the State in the state property;
2. Negotiate, draft, execute and deliver any documents necessary to settle any boundary line discrepancies;
3. Exercise the power of eminent domain to quiet for all time any possible challenges to ownership of the state property;
4. Negotiate, draft, execute and deliver any easements, including historic preservation easements, or other rights that, in the commissioner's discretion, may contribute to the value of a proposed sale or lease of the State's interest; and
5. Release any interests in the state property that, in the commissioner's discretion, do not contribute to the value of the remaining state property; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Property interests that may be conveyed. Resolved:** That the state property authorized to be sold, leased or transferred is the Jacob