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**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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**Penmor Lithographers**  
**Lewiston, Maine**  
**2008**

**Sec. 11. Master plan to be developed. Resolved:** That the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, to the extent practicable within existing resources, shall convene a stakeholder group to develop a master plan to guide the future of the state property that is the subject of this resolve. Any such plan must recognize the historical and current uses of the site as well as the establishment of the integrated veterans' campus. The stakeholder group must include representatives of the municipality, the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Facility, veterans' organizations, tenants, Saxl Park and others as determined by the Director of the Bureau of General Services; and be it further

**Sec. 12. Repeal. Resolved:** That the authority to convey the property set forth in section 2 and section 9 is repealed 5 years from the effective date of this resolve.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 202**

**H.P. 1621 - L.D. 2258**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a Major Substantive Rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices**

**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 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A requires legislative authorization before major substantive agency rules may be finally adopted by the agency; and

**Whereas,** the above-named major substantive rule has been submitted to the Legislature for review; and

**Whereas,** immediate enactment of this resolve is necessary to record the Legislature's position on final adoption of the rule; 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. Adoption. Resolved:** That final adoption of portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, a provisionally

adopted major substantive rule of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices that has been submitted to the Legislature for review pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, is authorized.

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

Effective April 14, 2008.

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**CHAPTER 203**

**H.P. 1394 - L.D. 2010**

**Resolve, Directing the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources To Review and Make Recommendations Regarding the Regulation of Dog and Cat Breeding Facilities**

**Sec. 1. Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to convene a working group. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources shall convene a working group to evaluate the regulation of dog and cat breeding facilities in the State and recommend any changes necessary to ensure the humane treatment of animals and effective enforcement of state laws. The commissioner shall invite a representative of each of the following stakeholder groups to participate in the working group: the Maine Veterinary Medical Association, the Maine Federation of Humane Societies, an animal advocacy organization, the Federation of Maine Dog Clubs, the American Kennel Club, the Down East Sled Dog Club, the Maine Animal Control Officers Association and the Maine Town and City Clerks' Association. The commissioner shall invite one owner of a licensed breeding kennel and one owner of a licensed cat breeding facility to participate in the working group. The director of the animal welfare program within the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, the state veterinarian assigned to the animal welfare program and a member of the Animal Welfare Advisory Council designated by the commissioner shall participate in the working group. The department shall provide staff to and coordinate meetings of the working group using existing resources or funds specifically donated to facilitate this undertaking; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Duties. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, in consultation with the working group under section 1, shall review: