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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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CHAPTER 53
S.P. 171 - L.D. 579

**Resolve, To Study the Creation
of a School of Hospitality and
Hotel Management within the
University of Maine System**

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 tourism industry is the top industry in the State, employing over 150,000 Maine people; and

Whereas, the University of Maine System does not currently offer a hospitality and hotel management baccalaureate degree program at any of the universities within the system; and

Whereas, this resolve needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period so that the required reports may be submitted in time; 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. Stakeholder group. Resolved: That the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System shall convene a stakeholder group to explore the creation of a hospitality and hotel management baccalaureate degree program within the system. The stakeholder group shall include, but is not limited to, representatives of the following:

1. The University of Maine System;
2. The Maine Community College System;
3. The Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Tourism;
4. The Maine Tourism Association;
5. The Maine Innkeepers Association;
6. The Maine Restaurant Association; and
7. The Maine State Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

Sec. 2. Review and recommendations. Resolved: That, no later than November 1, 2011, the stakeholder group shall submit a written report to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System with their findings and recommendations on the necessity, feasibility and financial implications of creating a hospitality and hotel management baccalaureate degree program within the system; and be it further

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, by January 31, 2012, the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System, or the board's designee, shall present a report, including its conclusions and any recommendations resulting from the review conducted under sections 1 and 2, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The joint standing committee may introduce a bill during the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature to implement the recommendations relating to the report.

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

Effective May 30, 2011.

CHAPTER 54
S.P. 151 - L.D. 518

**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. Except as otherwise directed in this resolve, the sale 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 a 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.

2. A parcel may not be sold for less than the amount 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 April 1, 2012.

Employees of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services and spouses, siblings, parents and children of employees of the Bureau of Revenue Services are barred from acquiring from the State any of the real property subject to this resolve.