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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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**RESOLVES OF THE STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED AT
THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
2023**

**CHAPTER 127
H.P. 1407 - L.D. 2196**

**Resolve, to Authorize the Chief
Justice of the Supreme Judicial
Court to Arrange the
Constitution of Maine to
Incorporate Amendments
Approved at the November
2023 Referendum**

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 Constitution of Maine, Article X, Section 6 requires the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to arrange the Constitution of Maine and submit the arrangement to the Legislature once every 10 years, unless sooner authorized by the Legislature; and

Whereas, the Chief Justice performed this requirement in the spring of 2023; and

Whereas, in November 2023, 2 amendments to the Constitution of Maine were approved by the voters at referendum; and

Whereas, in order to ensure that the Constitution of Maine is as up to date as possible and avoid printing of versions of the Constitution of Maine that are incomplete and incorrect, it is necessary that the Chief Justice prepare an arrangement of the Constitution of Maine that includes the 2 amendments that were approved in November 2023; 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. Chief Justice authorized to prepare arrangement of Constitution of Maine reflecting changes approved at November 2023 referendum. Resolved: That, pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article X, Section 6, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court is authorized to arrange the Constitution of Maine and include in that arrangement the amendments to the Constitution of Maine approved by the voters at referendum in November 2023.

Sec. 2. Amendments to be included in arrangement of Constitution of Maine. Resolved: That the following constitutional resolutions approved by the voters at the November 2023 referendum must be included in the arrangement authorized pursuant to section 1:

1. Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 1: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require All Provisions in the Constitution to Be Included in the Official Printing; and

2. Constitutional Resolution 2023, chapter 2: RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine Regarding the Timing of Judicial Review of the Determination of the Validity of Written Petitions.

Sec. 3. Submission to Legislature. Resolved: That the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall submit the arrangement authorized by this resolve to the Legislature no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve.

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

Effective February 8, 2024.

**CHAPTER 128
S.P. 861 - L.D. 2033**

**Resolve, Authorizing the
Director of the Bureau of Parks
and Lands to Convey a Parcel
of Land in the Town of
Woodstock**

Preamble. The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate held by the State for conservation or recreation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House.

Whereas, certain real estate authorized for conveyance by this resolve is under the designations described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 598-A; and

Whereas, the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may sell or exchange lands with the approval of the Legislature in accordance with the