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House of Representatives, January 4, 2023

An Act to Move the Headquarters for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRIDGEO of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and
Representative: LaROCHELLE of Augusta.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill would:

6 1. Provide funding for the consolidation of the Department of Inland Fisheries and
7 Wildlife facilities by relocating to a larger building to be used as headquarters in the City
8 of Augusta, upgrading the wireless technology and installing secure badge-access
9 technology;

10 2. Authorize the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority to issue securities in an
11 amount not to exceed \$43,450,000 outstanding at any one time for a headquarters facility
12 for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;

13 3. In the event that financing by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority is not
14 feasible, authorize the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to issue a request for
15 proposals from private developers for a long-term lease for a headquarters facility for the
16 department; and

17 4. Authorize the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to purchase the
18 following parcels of land and any buildings thereon in the City of Augusta for a
19 headquarters facility for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:

20 A. Parcel 1: for \$1, the property formerly known as the Statler Tissue Company mill
21 property; and

22 B. Parcel 2: by eminent domain, an adjacent property located to the south of Parcel 1,
23 currently owned by A.I.M. Recycling.