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In Senate, February 19, 2021

Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Parks and Lands To Convey Certain Land in Township 12, Range 13 WELS in Exchange for Other Land in Township 11, Range 10 WELS

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 17, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset.

Cosponsored by Senators: DAVIS of Piscataquis, STEWART of Aroostook, VITELLI of

Sagadahoc, Representative: STEARNS of Guilford.

**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,** the real estate authorized for conveyance by this legislation 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 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, sections 1814, 1837 and 1851; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands directed to convey certain land in Township 12, Range 13 WELS in exchange for other land in Township 11, Range 10 WELS. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall by quitclaim deed without covenant convey to Clayton Lake Woodlands Holdings, LLC all of the State's common and undivided interest in T.12 R.13 WELS, which is approximately 6,000 acres, in exchange for all right, title and interest in and to approximately 6,000 acres in T.11 R.10 WELS or T.12 R.13 WELS, which is currently owned by Clayton Lake Woodlands Holdings, LLC. The resulting state fee ownership is subject to the tax applied to forest land in Aroostook County under the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law.

20 SUMMARY

This bill directs the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to enter into a land exchange with Clayton Lake Woodlands Holdings, LLC to separate common and undivided interest in a parcel of land in Aroostook County.