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An Act To Establish the Geospatial Data Reserve Fund

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §2006 is enacted to read:

§ 2006. Geospatial Data Reserve Fund

1. Fund established. There is established the Geospatial Data Reserve Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," to be administered by the geographic information board.

2. Sources of funding. The following must be paid into the fund:

A. All money appropriated for inclusion in the fund;

B. All interest earned from investments of the fund;

C. Any money allocated from Other Special Revenue Funds accounts for the purpose of the fund;

D. Proceeds from any bonds issued for the purpose of the fund; and

E. Matching funds received from the Federal Government or other legal entity for geospatial data acquisition expenditures made from the fund pursuant to subsection 4.

3. Use of fund. The purpose of the fund is to continue projects developed by the geographic information board. The fund must be used to provide and maintain to the extent practicable statewide GIS data sets necessary for the efficient delivery of state services and to conserve state expenditures through partnerships with other GIS stakeholders interested in acquiring the same data sets. The fund may be used at the discretion of the geographic information board for acquiring geospatial data primarily including but not limited to the following data sets:

A. An orthoimagery program. Imagery collected through this program must be from all areas of the State and be 4-band images that include the red, green, blue and near infrared bands; and

B. An elevation data set. A consistent statewide elevation data set must be collected using light detection and ranging technology or an equivalent method.

4. Matching funds. Money in the fund used to purchase geospatial data must be matched by funding from other sources at at least a one-to-one ratio.

5. Annual report. The Chief Information Officer shall submit a written report by January 15, 2014 and annually thereafter to the Governor and the Legislature on the fund's balance and expenditures.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes the Geospatial Data Reserve Fund. The fund will be used to continue projects established by the Maine Library of Geographic Information Board.