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Resolve, Authorizing the Bureau of General Services To Sell Certain Property to Kennebec County

Sec. 1 Authority to convey state property. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State, by and through the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, may:

1. Convey by sale any or a portion of the interests of the State in the state property described in section 2, with the buildings and improvements, together with all appurtenant rights and easements, and all personal property located on that property, including machinery, equipment and supplies;

2. Negotiate, draft, execute and deliver any documents necessary to settle any boundary line discrepancies;

3. Exercise, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, chapter 3, subchapter 3, the power of eminent domain to quiet for all time any possible challenges to ownership of the state property;

4. Negotiate, draft, execute and deliver any easements or other rights that, in the commissioner's discretion, may contribute to the value of a proposed sale of the State's interests; and

5. Release any interests in the state property that, in the commissioner's discretion, do not contribute to the value of the remaining state property; and be it further

Sec. 2 Property interests that may be conveyed. Resolved: That the state property authorized to be sold is:

1. A parcel or parcels of land and buildings, or any portion of the parcel or parcels of land and buildings, in the City of Augusta, now or formerly known as "the Augusta District Court," located at 145 State Street, and any associated land and parking areas determined to be necessary by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, including but not limited to all or a portion of the properties described in deeds recorded in the Kennebec County Registry of Deeds, Book 1480, Page 752; and be it further

Sec. 3 Property to be sold as is. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services may negotiate and execute purchase and sale agreements upon terms the commissioner considers appropriate, but the state property described in section 2 must be sold "as is," with no representations or warranties, to Kennebec County. Kennebec County shall use the property to house the Registry of Deeds and other county offices.

The title must be transferred by quitclaim deed without covenant or release deed and executed by the commissioner; and be it further

Sec. 4 Exemptions. Resolved: That any conveyance pursuant to this resolve is exempt from any statutory or regulatory requirement that the state property described in section 2 first be offered to the Maine State Housing Authority or another state or local agency or offered through competitive bidding; and be it further

Sec. 5 Repeal. Resolved: That this resolve is repealed 4 years from its effective date.

SUMMARY

This resolve gives the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services authority to sell the property identified as the Augusta District Court to Kennebec County to be used to house the Registry of Deeds and other county offices.