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## **Resolve, To Reauthorize the Issuance of Certain Bonds for Land Conservation Projects**

## (EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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Presented by Representative POULIOT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and

Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, BLACK of Wilton, BLUME of York, CHENETTE of Saco, CHIPMAN of Portland, COREY of Windham, DOORE of Augusta, EVANGELOS of Friendship, FECTEAU of Biddeford, GATTINE of Westbrook, GILLWAY of Searsport, GROHMAN of Biddeford, HAMANN of South Portland, HARRINGTON of Sanford, HEAD of Bethel, KINNEY of Knox, KUMIEGA of Deer Isle, MAKER of Calais, MAREAN of Hollis, McCABE of Skowhegan, McCLELLAN of Raymond, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, ORDWAY of Standish, PIERCE of Falmouth, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STETKIS of Canaan, THERIAULT of China, TUELL of East Machias, WARREN of Hallowell, WHITE of Washburn, Senators: LANGLEY of Hancock, LIBBY of Androscoggin, MILLETT of Cumberland, President THIBODEAU of Waldo, WOODSOME of York.

- 1 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not 2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
- 3 **Whereas,** the Treasurer of State may not sell the remaining bonds authorized but not 4 yet issued from the Land for Maine's Future Board bond issue authorized by the voters in 5 November 2010 unless the Legislature reauthorizes the issuance of those bonds; and
- 6 Whereas, the Land for Maine's Future Board requires the funds to meet its 7 obligations for previously authorized land conservation projects with state, municipal and 8 private entities and to fulfill its obligations under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, 9 chapter 353 in order to protect public recreational opportunities, farmland and the State's 10 environment; and
- 11 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within 12 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as 13 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, 14 therefore, be it
- 15 Sec. 1. Extension for issuing. Resolved: That, pursuant to the provisions of the 16 Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 14, the period for issuance of bonds or of bond 17 anticipation notes for the acquisition of land and interests in land for purposes such as 18 conservation, wildlife and fish habitat, outdoor recreation and farmland preservation 19 authorized but unissued pursuant to Public Law 2009, chapter 414, as amended by Public 20 Law 2009, chapter 645, and authorized by the voters in a statewide election held in 21 November 2010 is further extended for a 2-year period.
- Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
  legislation takes effect when approved.
- 24 SUMMARY
- This resolve extends for 2 years the period for issuance of bonds authorized by the voters in November 2010 for the Land for Maine's Future Board.