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ASSEMBLY, No. 2532

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman LANCE, Assemblywoman MURPHY  
and Senator LaRossa

1 AN ACT concerning the sale of real property by the State and  
2 concerning the State House Commission,<sup>2</sup> amending <sup>2</sup>and  
3 supplementing<sup>2</sup> P.L.1962, c.220 <sup>2</sup>[ and] , amending<sup>2</sup> R.S.52:20-1  
4 and R.S.52:20-4, and supplementing chapter 20 of Title 52 of the  
5 Revised Statutes<sup>2</sup> .

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7 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
8 *of New Jersey:*

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10 1. Section 3 of P.L.1962, c.220 (C.52:31-1.3) is amended to read  
11 as follows:

12 3. (a) The provisions of this act shall apply to real property or  
13 interests therein that have a value of **[\$100,000.00]** <sup>1</sup>**[\$5,000,000.00]**  
14 <sup>2</sup>**[\$3,000,000<sup>1</sup>]** \$500,000<sup>2</sup> or less and to easements that have a value  
15 of <sup>2</sup>**[\$10,000.00]** \$100,000<sup>2</sup> or less.<sup>2</sup> [ <sup>1</sup>Commencing March 1, 1998  
16 and each year thereafter, the State Treasurer shall adjust the amount  
17 of the maximum value of real property or interests hereinbefore set  
18 forth in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the composite average  
19 for the New York City and the Philadelphia areas, as that average is  
20 determined by the Treasurer, in the Housing component of the  
21 Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers as reported by the  
22 United States Department of Labor. The State Treasurer shall, no  
23 later than June 1 of each year, notify the President of the Senate, the  
24 Speaker of the General Assembly, and the State House Commission of  
25 the adjustment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of  
26 each year.<sup>1</sup><sup>2</sup>

27 (b) The provisions of this act shall be deemed to be additional and  
28 supplemental to any existing authority to sell property of the State and  
29 shall not be deemed to be in derogation of such existing authority.

**EXPLANATION** - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined **thus** is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly ASG committee amendments adopted January 23, 1997.

<sup>2</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted June 26, 1997.

1 <sup>1</sup>Nothing in this act, P.L.1962, c.220 (C.52:31-1.1 et seq.), as  
2 amended and supplemented, shall be construed to affect, amend, alter  
3 or repeal any provision of any other law relating to the disposition of  
4 public lands for recreation and conservation, farmland preservation, or  
5 any other public purpose.<sup>1</sup>

6 (cf: P.L.1962, c.220, s.3)

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8 2. R.S.52:20-1 is amended to read as follows:

9 52:20-1. The State House Commission shall consist of the  
10 Governor, who shall be the presiding officer, the State Treasurer, and  
11 the [Comptroller of the Treasury] Director of the Division of Budget  
12 and Accounting or their designees, or the persons upon whom shall  
13 devolve by law the powers, duties and emoluments of said offices  
14 respectively, for the time being, and 2 members of the Senate  
15 appointed by the President thereof and 2 members of the General  
16 Assembly appointed by the Speaker thereof, no more than one of  
17 either group of 2 being of the same political party <sup>2</sup>or their alternates.  
18 Each alternate for an appointed member shall also be a member of the  
19 Senate or General Assembly appointed by the President or Speaker, as  
20 appropriate, and shall have full voting powers when required to attend  
21 commission meetings<sup>2</sup>. The members of the commission shall serve  
22 without pay in connection with all such duties as are prescribed in this  
23 chapter. The appointed members of the commission shall serve as  
24 members thereof for terms co-extensive with their respective terms as  
25 members of the Houses of the Legislature from which they were  
26 appointed.

27 (cf: P.L.1963, c.180, s.1)

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29 <sup>2</sup> 3. (New section) When a determination is made by the head or  
30 principal executive of any State department to sell and convey all or  
31 any part of the State's interest in any real property held by the  
32 department and the improvements thereon or to grant an easement in  
33 or across such property, without regard to the value of the property  
34 or easement, upon a finding that the department does not require such  
35 property or interest for any public purpose and that such sale is in the  
36 best interests of the State or that a grant of such easement is in the  
37 best interests of the State, the department shall notify in writing the  
38 governing body of each municipality in which the property is located  
39 that the determination has been made by the department for the sale or  
40 conveyance of the State's interest or the grant of an easement. The  
41 notice shall be made regardless of the value of the property and also  
42 shall state whether approval by the State House Commission is  
43 required prior to the sale or conveyance or grant. The notice shall be  
44 sent at least 14 days prior to any further action taken by the  
45 department after the determination in order to permit a municipal  
46 review and formulation of a response, if any. This notification shall

1 apply to all property to be sold or conveyed or for which an easement  
2 is to be granted pursuant to the authorization granted by P.L.1962,  
3 c.220 (C.52:31-1.1 et seq.) or pursuant to any other statute or  
4 authority.<sup>2</sup>

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6 <sup>24.</sup> (New section) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to  
7 the contrary, the sale or conveyance by the head or principal  
8 executive of any State department of all or part of the State's interest  
9 in any real property and the improvements thereon or the grant of an  
10 easement in or across such property shall require the approval of the  
11 State House Commission without regard to the value of the property  
12 or easement or to the means by which the property was acquired by  
13 the State, unless the sale or conveyance or grant is a disposition of  
14 public lands for recreation and conservation, farmland preservation, or  
15 any other public purpose.<sup>2</sup>

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17 <sup>25.</sup> R.S.52:20-4 is amended to read as follows:

18 R.S.52:20-4. All meetings of the commission shall be open to the  
19 public and all the business of the commission shall be transacted at  
20 public meetings held in the state house at such time and place as the  
21 commission shall prescribe. The commission shall meet at least once  
22 every three calendar months, but may meet more frequently at such  
23 times as determined by the chairperson of the commission

24 The secretary shall transmit to each member of the commission a  
25 copy of the minutes of each meeting within twenty-four hours after  
26 the adjournment thereof. The minutes of the commission shall be  
27 open to inspection by any citizen of the state at all times during  
28 business hours.<sup>2</sup>

29 (cf: R.S.52:20-4)

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31 <sup>2[3.] 6.</sup><sup>2</sup> This act shall take effect immediately.

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36 Makes various changes concerning the sale of State lands and the  
37 State House Commission.