

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 135, *approved June 27, 1997*
Assembly, No. 2532 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the sale of real property by the State and
2 ²concerning the State House Commission,² amending ²and
3 supplementing² P.L.1962, c.220 ²[and] , amending² R.S.52:20-1
4 ²and R.S.52:20-4, and supplementing chapter 20 of Title 52 of the
5 Revised Statutes² .
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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]~~ ¹~~[\$5,000,000.00]~~
14 ²~~[\$3,000,000¹]~~ \$500,000² or less and to easements that have a value
15 of ²~~[\$10,000.00]~~ \$100,000² or less.² [¹Commencing 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.¹²

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:

¹Assembly ASG committee amendments adopted January 23, 1997.

²Senate floor amendments adopted June 26, 1997.

1 ¹Nothing 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.¹

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 ²or 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 meetings². 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 ² 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.²

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6 ^{24.} (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.²

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17 ^{25.} 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.²

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

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31 ^{2[3.] 6.}² 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.