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SENATE, No. 2159

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator LaROSSA

1 AN ACT concerning the sale of real property by the State and  
2 <sup>1</sup>concerning the State House Commission,<sup>1</sup> amending <sup>1</sup> and  
3 supplementing<sup>1</sup> P.L.1962, c.220 <sup>1</sup> [and], amending <sup>1</sup> R.S.52:20-1  
4 <sup>1</sup>and R.S.52:20-4, and supplementing chapter 20 of Title 52 of the  
5 Revised Statutes<sup>1</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>~~[\$3,000,000]~~  
14 ~~\$500,000<sup>1</sup>~~ or less and to easements that have a value of <sup>1</sup>~~[\$10,000.00]~~  
15 ~~\$100,000<sup>1</sup>~~ or less. Commencing March 1, 1998 and each year  
16 thereafter, the State Treasurer shall adjust the amount of the maximum  
17 value of real property or interests <sup>1</sup>or easements<sup>1</sup> hereinbefore set forth  
18 in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the composite average for the  
19 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.

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.  
30 Nothing in this act, P.L.1962, c.220 (C.52:31-1.1 et seq.), as amended  
31 and supplemented, shall be construed to affect, amend, alter or repeal

**EXPLANATION** - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and 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> Senate SBA committee amendments adopted June 23, 1997.

1 any provision of any other law relating to the disposition of public  
2 lands for recreation and conservation, farmland preservation, or any  
3 other public purpose.

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

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

7 52:20-1. The State House Commission shall consist of the  
8 Governor, who shall be the presiding officer, the State Treasurer, and  
9 the [Comptroller of the Treasury] Director of the Division of Budget  
10 and Accounting or their designees, or the persons upon whom shall  
11 devolve by law the powers, duties and emoluments of said offices  
12 respectively, for the time being, and 2 members of the Senate  
13 appointed by the President thereof and 2 members of the General  
14 Assembly appointed by the Speaker thereof, no more than one of  
15 either group of 2 being of the same political party <sup>1</sup>or their alternates.  
16 Each alternate for an appointed member shall also be a member of the  
17 Senate or General Assembly appointed by the President or Speaker, as  
18 appropriate, and shall have full voting powers when required to attend  
19 commission meetings<sup>1</sup>.

20 The members of the commission shall serve without pay in  
21 connection with all such duties as are prescribed in this chapter. The  
22 appointed members of the commission shall serve as members thereof  
23 for terms co-extensive with their respective terms as members of the  
24 Houses of the Legislature from which they were appointed.

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

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27 <sup>1</sup> 3. (New section) When a determination is made by the head or  
28 principal executive of any State department to sell and convey all or  
29 any part of the State's interest in any real property held by the  
30 department and the improvements thereon or to grant an easement in  
31 or across such property, without regard to the value of the property  
32 or easement, upon a finding that the department does not require such  
33 property or interest for any public purpose and that such sale is in the  
34 best interests of the State or that a grant of such easement is in the  
35 best interests of the State, the department shall notify in writing the  
36 governing body of each municipality in which the property is located  
37 that the determination has been made by the department for the sale or  
38 conveyance of the State's interest or the grant of an easement. The  
39 notice shall be made regardless of the value of the property and also  
40 shall state whether approval by the State House Commission is  
41 required prior to the sale or conveyance or grant. The notice shall be  
42 sent at least 14 days prior to any further action taken by the  
43 department after the determination in order to permit a municipal  
44 review and formulation of a response, if any. This notification shall  
45 apply to all property to be sold or conveyed or for which an easement  
46 is to be granted pursuant to the authorization granted by P.L.1962,

1 c.220 (C.52:31-1.1 et seq.) or pursuant to any other statute or  
2 authority.<sup>1</sup>

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4 <sup>14.</sup> (New section) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to  
5 the contrary, the sale or conveyance by the head or principal  
6 executive of any State department of all or part of the State's interest  
7 in any real property and the improvements thereon or the grant of an  
8 easement in or across such property shall require the approval of the  
9 State House Commission without regard to the value of the property  
10 or easement or to the means by which the property was acquired by  
11 the State, unless the sale or conveyance or grant is a disposition of  
12 public lands for recreation and conservation, farmland preservation, or  
13 any other public purpose. <sup>1</sup>

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15 <sup>15.</sup> R.S.52:20-4 is amended to read as follows:

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

22 The secretary shall transmit to each member of the commission a  
23 copy of the minutes of each meeting within twenty-four hours after  
24 the adjournment thereof. The minutes of the commission shall be  
25 open to inspection by any citizen of the state at all times during  
26 business hours.<sup>1</sup>

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

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29 <sup>1</sup>[3.] 6.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately.

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