

## CHAPTER 111

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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**


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**HOUSE BILL 20-1082**

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also SENATOR(S) Story and Fields, Sonnenberg, Fenberg, Marble, Priola, Rankin, Scott, Tate, Todd.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO DISPOSE OF REAL PROPERTY IN GEORGETOWN, COLORADO.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(a) In 1989, the state historical society acquired real property located on 5th Street in historic Georgetown, Colorado, through a donation. Over ten years ago the property housed a Georgetown Loop Railroad ticket sale booth. The lot is currently vacant and unused, except for an old storage shed.

(b) The Georgetown Loop Railroad is now being run by a different operator and that operator does not foresee that a ticket sale booth on the vacant lot is necessary in this digital age. Additionally, the vacant lot is not cost effective as overflow parking for the Georgetown Loop Railroad because the lot can only hold approximately ten cars and the lot is far enough away from the railroad to require additional transportation in order to board the train.

(c) The state historical society was approached in 2017 by an organization in Georgetown that was interested in acquiring the property, and as a result, the state historical society worked to get the property appraised;

(d) The state historical society has worked with the state architect's office, the division of real estate, and office of state planning and budgeting staff for initial approvals to put the vacant lot on the market;

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(e) The vacant lot was on the market for approximately two months and the agency received three offers, the highest of which was for \$175,000;

(f) The state historical society has determined that disposing of the vacant lot is in the best interests of the organization; and

(g) Section 24-80-202 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, specifies that the state historical society "shall hold its present and future collections and property for the state, and shall not sell, mortgage, transfer, or dispose of in any manner or remove from the Colorado state museum any article thereof, or part of the same, without authority of law." This measure is intended to provide the state historical society with the authority to dispose of the vacant lot in Georgetown, Colorado.

**SECTION 2. State historical society authority to dispose of real property.**

(1) The state of Colorado, acting by and through the state historical society, is authorized to dispose of real property with the following legal description: "Subdivision: GEORGETOWN Block: 20 Lot: L6; E2 L7; S2 L5, SURV #247705 786/115-116".

(2) The state controller and the office of the state architect must approve all agreements relating to the disposition of the real property prior to closing.

(3) The proceeds of the disposition of the real property described in subsection (1) of this section must be credited to the state museum cash fund created in section 24-80-214, Colorado Revised Statutes, to be used for capital outlay as defined in section 24-75-112 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, capital construction as defined in section 24-30-1301 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, or controlled maintenance as defined in section 24-30-1301 (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, at museums statewide.

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.

Approved: June 19, 2020