BILL TOPIC: "State Historical Society Auth To Sell Property"

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov/.)

Capital Development Committee. The bill grants the state historical society the authority to sell a vacant lot located in Georgetown, Colorado. The bill specifies that the proceeds of the sale are to be credited to the state museum cash fund to be used for capital outlay, capital construction, or controlled maintenance at museums statewide.
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;

(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. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act
takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor. <{There may be an argument that a safety clause is necessary since I've heard that they have a pending offer and History Colorado may want this authority upon signature of the Governor instead of waiting until August.}>
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