STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 13, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. ROMERO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Cities -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend chapter 885 of the laws of 1953 authorizing the city of Albany to discontinue the use of certain park lands for the purpose of using such lands for public school purposes, in relation to authorizing the use of such lands for any school purposes

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 885 of the laws of 1953 authorizing the city of Albany to discontinue the use of certain park lands for the purpose of using such lands for public school purposes, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. [~~Notwithstanding any inconsistent general, special or local law,~~] **Subject to the provisions of this act,** the city of Albany**, acting by and through its governing body,** may discontinue as park lands **and sell and convey at fair market value** four and one-half acres of land within the hereinafter described bounds and heretofore acquired and used by such city for park purposes and constituting a portion of the park commonly known as Lincoln Park, in the city of Albany, for the purpose of using such lands for [~~public~~] **any** school purposes and the construction of [~~public~~] **any** school buildings, including streets for ingress and egress.

§ 2. Chapter 885 of the laws of 1953 authorizing the city of Albany to discontinue the use of certain park lands for the purpose of using such lands for public school purposes, is amended by adding two new sections 1-a and 2-a to read as follows:

§ 1-a. The authorization contained in section one of this act shall only be effective on the condition that the city of Albany dedicate an amount equal to or greater than fair market value of the parklands being discontinued pursuant to section one of this act towards the acquisition

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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of new parklands and/or capital improvements to existing park and recreational facilities.

§ 2-a. In the event that the city of Albany received any funding support or assistance from the federal government for the purchase, maintenance, or improvement of the parklands set forth in section two of this act, the discontinuance and alienation of such parklands authorized by the provisions of this act shall not occur until the city of Albany has complied with any federal requirements pertaining to the alienation or conversion of parklands, including satisfying the secretary of the interior that the alienation or conversion complies with all conditions which the secretary of the interior deems necessary to assure the substitution of other lands shall be equivalent in fair market value and usefulness to the lands being alienated or converted.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.