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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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No. 423

S. P. 146

In Senate, January 17, 1963

Referred to Committee on Highways. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Lovell of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Competitive Bidding on Highways, Bridges and Public Improvements.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 15-A, § 26, amended. Section 26 of chapter 15-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 340 of the public laws of 1957 and as amended by section 2 of chapter 234 of the public laws of 1961, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read as follows:

‘If the lowest responsible bidder is an out-of-state bidder and the 2nd lowest responsible bidder is a Maine bidder located in a distressed labor area or a designated redevelopment area, then the contract shall be awarded to the Maine bidder provided he changes his bid to meet the lowest bid. The same procedure shall be followed if the first 2 low bidders are out-of-state bidders and the 3rd lowest bidder is a Maine bidder.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 23, § 40, amended. The 7th sentence of section 40 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

‘The commission shall have the right to reject any and all bids if in its opinion good cause exists ~~therefor~~, but otherwise it shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, if a Maine bidder.’

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 23, § 40, amended. Section 40 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 21 of the public laws of 1961, is further amended by adding after the 7th sentence, 2 new sentences to read as follows:

‘If the lowest responsible bidder is an out-of-state bidder and the 2nd lowest responsible bidder is a Maine bidder located in a distressed labor area or a

designated redevelopment area, then the contract shall be awarded to the Maine bidder provided he changes his bid to meet the lowest bid. The same procedure shall be followed if the first 2 low bidders are out-of-state bidders and the 3rd lowest bidder is a Maine bidder.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 23, § 110, amended. The 5th sentence of section 110 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'The commission shall have the right to reject any and all bids if in its opinion good cause exists ~~therefor~~, but otherwise it shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, **if a Maine bidder.**'

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 23, § 110, amended. Section 110 of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 29 of chapter 405 of the public laws of 1955, is further amended by adding after the 5th sentence 2 new sentences to read as follows:

'**If the lowest responsible bidder is an out-of-state bidder and the 2nd lowest responsible bidder is a Maine bidder located in a distressed labor area or a designated redevelopment area, then the contract shall be awarded to the Maine bidder provided he changes his bid to meet the lowest bid. The same procedure shall be followed if the first 2 low bidders are out-of-state bidders and the 3rd lowest bidder is a Maine bidder.**'