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House of Representatives, April 8, 2025

An Act to Strengthen the Maine Development Foundation

Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield,
CROCKETT of Portland, GERE of Kennebunkport, JULIA of Waterville, SAYRE of
Kennebunk, WALKER of Naples, Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§2, ¶F, as amended by PL 2023, c. 516, Pt. A, §1, is further amended to read:

F. The procurement of goods or services involves expenditures of \$25,000 or less, in which case the Director of the Bureau of General Services may accept informal written quotes or bids; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§2, ¶G, as amended by PL 1999, c. 105, §3, is further amended to read:

G. The procurement of goods or services involves expenditures of \$10,000 or less, and procurement from a single source is the most economical, effective and appropriate means of fulfilling a demonstrated need.; or

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§2, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. The procurement of goods or services is consistent with the purposes and duties of the Maine Development Foundation under Title 10, section 917-A and procuring those goods or services from the Maine Development Foundation is the most economical, effective and appropriate means of fulfilling a demonstrated need.

Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §919, as repealed and replaced by PL 1997, c. 662, §3, is amended to read:

§919. Board of directors; officers

The Board of Directors of the Maine Development Foundation, referred to in this chapter as "the "board of directors," consists of a minimum of 15 directors elected or appointed to serve in that capacity in accordance with this section. The board of directors shall annually determine the number of directors for the succeeding year. The corporators shall elect 1/2 of the elected directors from among the private sector corporators and 1/2 of the elected directors from among the public sector corporators. The Governor shall appoint 2 directors from among the ex officio corporators. ~~Except for the president of the Maine Development Foundation, a person may not serve as a director for more than 5 years in succession.~~ Elected directors must be elected to 4-year staggered terms, as provided by the board of directors, and may not be elected for more than 2 successive terms. The corporators shall elect a chair, a vice-chair and a treasurer from among the board of directors. The board of directors shall appoint a president of the Maine Development Foundation. The president may not be appointed from among the other directors. Upon appointment, the president becomes a director and the chief executive officer of the Maine Development Foundation.

SUMMARY

This bill revises the term limits of the Board of Directors of the Maine Development Foundation. The bill also authorizes the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to waive the competitive bidding requirement if the procurement of goods or services is consistent with the purposes and duties of the Maine Development Foundation and procuring those goods or services from the Maine Development Foundation is the most economical, effective and appropriate means of fulfilling a demonstrated need.