

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
103rd LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1328, L.D. 1873, Bill, "An Act Relating to County Estimates and Finances."

Amend said Bill by adding at the end the following:

'Sec. 7. R.S., T. 30, §§303 & 304, additional. Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sections, to be numbered 303 and 304, to read as follows:

§303. Inventory of property

The county commissioners of each county on or before January 1st of each year shall make or require an inventory of all property belonging to the county. Copies of the inventory shall be filed in the office of the clerk of courts of the county and with the clerk of each municipality in the county on or before January 1st of each year.

§304. Bids, awards and contracts

1. Buildings and other facilities. Any contract for construction, renovation or improvement of county buildings or facilities involving a total cost of \$2,000 or more shall be awarded by a system of competitive bidding.

The county commissioners, after notifying the officials of each municipality of their county by mail of their intent, shall advertise for sealed proposals for bids for not less than 3 weeks in a newspaper of county-wide circulation. The last advertisement shall be at least 3 weeks before the time named therein for the closing of bids. Sealed proposals submitted in accordance with such advertisement shall be addressed to the county commissioners having the construction in charge and shall remain sealed until the day set for the opening of the bids.

No contract shall be awarded unless the faithful performance thereof shall be secured by a bond in the penal sum of not less than 20% of the amount of the contract, payable to the county and deposited with the county treasurer.

Contracts made by the county commissioners shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, taking into consideration the qualities of the services, supplies, materials or equipment, to be supplied, their conformity with the specifications, the purposes for which they are required, and the ultimate cost thereof to the county.

2. Services, supplies, materials and equipment. The county commissioners shall make all purchases of services, supplies, materials and equipment needed by the county, or any department or agency thereof. All such purchases over \$100 shall be made by competitive bidding. The provisions of Title 5, section 1816, shall govern such purchases as far as applicable.'

Proposed by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford.

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