

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1134

S. P. 388

In Senate, March 1, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Cianchette of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Competitive Bids and Fair Minimum Wages for Construction of Public Improvements.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 1743, amended. The first paragraph of section 1743 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 409 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

Any contract for any public improvement involving a total cost of more than ~~\$10,000~~ \$50,000, except contracts for professional, architectural and engineering services, shall be awarded by a system of competitive bidding ~~in accordance with chapters 141 to 155 and such other~~ conditions and restrictions as the Governor and Council may from time to time prescribe. Contracts in the amount of ~~\$10,000~~ \$50,000 or less shall be awarded by a system of competitive bidding. Such contracts shall be awarded by the ~~appropriate department or agency with the prior authorization of the~~ Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 5, § 1745, amended. The 3rd sentence of section 1745 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 409 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended to read as follows:

Sealed proposals for any public improvement ~~in an amount in excess of \$10,000~~ shall be addressed to the ~~trustees, commissioners or such other persons having the construction in charge~~ Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements and shall remain sealed until publicly opened in the presence of ~~a committee of the Executive Council~~ the director and the Commissioner of Finance and Administration or their designated representatives at such time as the Governor and Council director may direct.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill changes the maximum amount for which the Bureau of Public Improvements can contract without approval of the Governor and Council.