

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1620

Office of the Clerk of the House

Governor's Bill. Reference to the Committee on State Government suggested.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

Presented by Mr. Dow of West Gardiner.

Cosponsor: Mr. Rolde of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

**AN ACT Pertaining to the Granting of Preference in the Letting of State Contracts to State of Maine Resident Bidders.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 5 MRSA § 1816, sub-§ 10, ¶ B, sub-¶ (2) as enacted by PL 1977, c. 399, is amended to read:

(2) Has submitted a bid which is no more than 2% 5% higher than the bid of the lowest responsible bidder; and

**Sec. 2.** 5 MRSA § 1816, sub-§ 10, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 399, is repealed as follows:

~~This subsection shall cease to be in effect on June 30, 1980~~

**Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act shall become effective on June 30, 1980.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Maine bid preference law was enacted in 1977 with an expiration date of June 30, 1980. This bill provides for an appropriate legislative review of the preference and how it may have benefitted Maine businesses prior to the program's expiration date.

The bill provides that an in-take bidder whose bid is within 5% of the lowest responsible out-of-state bidder may be awarded the contract at the amount of the bid submitted by the lowest responsible out-of-state bidder.