

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 879

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7 H.P. 609

House of Representatives, February 28, 1985

8 On Motion of Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield, referred to the
9 Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered
10 printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative McGowan of Canaan.

Cosponsored by Representative Gwadosky of Fairfield and Representative
11 Dillenback of Cumberland.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Establish the Least-cost Principle.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 5 MRSA §1742-B is enacted to read:

22 §1742-B. Least-cost principle; implementation

23 1. Policy. It is the policy of this State that
24 state agencies shall make every effort to improve,
25 construct or make major repairs or alterations to
26 public facilities at the least cost to the State.

27 2. Proposed improvements; list. Prior to the
28 submission of its budget for the subsequent budget
29 period, each public agency shall prepare and file
30 with the Commissioner of Finance and Administration a
31 list of every public facility improvement known to
32 the agency that the agency seeks to fund in the bud-
33 get period, identifying each improvement by name and
34 estimating the total costs. If the agency intends to

1 perform the work using its own equipment and person-
2 nel on a project estimated to cost more than \$25,000,
3 the agency shall also indicate how the decision con-
4 forms to the policy stated in subsection 1. The list
5 of proposed improvements is a public record and may
6 be revised periodically by the agency.

7 3. Records to be kept on projects costing more
8 than \$25,000. Whenever a state agency improves, con-
9 structs or makes major repairs or improvements to a
10 public facility with its own equipment or personnel
11 estimated to cost more than \$25,000, the agency shall
12 keep and preserve a full, true and accurate account
13 of the costs of performing the work, including all
14 engineering and administrative expenses and a reason-
15 able estimate of the total cost, including investment
16 cost of equipment used. The final account of the
17 costs shall be a public record.

18 4. Model cost accounting guidelines. On or be-
19 fore December 31, 1985, the Commissioner of Finance
20 and Administration, in consultation with informed
21 persons from the public and private sector, shall
22 promulgate model cost accounting guidelines for use
23 by public agencies as required by subsection 3.

24 STATEMENT OF FACT

25 The purpose of this bill is to establish a proce-
26 ure for assuring that improvements, repairs and con-
27 struction of public facilities, when undertaken by
28 employees of that agency, are made in the least cost-
29 ly way to the State.

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