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Presented by Representative BAILEY of Farmington. Cosponsored by Senator EMERSON of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Improve the Level of Services Provided by the Bureau of Public Improvements on Capital Improvement Projects.

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

5 MRSA §1753 is enacted to read:

<u>\$1753. Purchase of administrative or supervisory services</u>

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The Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements may use up to 1 1/2% of the funds made available for public improvements to

employ or contract for administrative or supervisory services
related to the construction project being financed by those funds. When contracted services are not used, gualified persons
must be employed in project positions consistent with procedures approved by the Bureau of Human Resources. No permanent
positions are authorized under this provision. Costs charged to a particular project are for time and expenses directly
attributable to the project only.

STATEMENT OF FACT

22 The staff requirements of the Bureau of Public Improvements vary significantly with the number and cost of public 24 improvements authorized by the Legislature and by bond authority from year to year. In order to provide the level of services 26 necessary, the bureau needs the ability to match its service capability with the volume of work. Project personnel and contracted services provide the flexibility to maintain service 28 consistent with demand while avoiding a permanent staff increase. The funds for project assistance would carry forward 30 with the funding for the capital projects. This bill allows the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements to hire personnel 32 for specific jobs when necessary.

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