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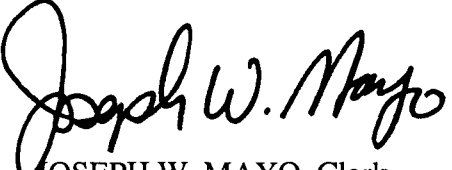
No. 133

H.P. 98

House of Representatives, January 17, 1995

An Act to Lower the Cost of New School Construction by Including the Design Phase in the Bidding Process.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITCOMB of Waldo.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1743-A**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 700, Pt. A,
§17, is further amended to read:

6 **§1743-A. Competitive bids; advertisement**

8 Any contract for the construction, major alteration or
10 repair of school buildings involving a total cost in excess of
\$100,000, except contracts for professional, ~~architectural~~ and
12 engineering services, ~~shall~~ must be awarded by competitive bids.
The school district directors, school committee, building
14 committee or whatever agency has responsibility for the
construction, major alteration or repair shall, after
consultation with the Director of the Bureau of Public
16 ~~Improvements~~ General Services, seek sealed proposals. Sealed
proposals ~~shall~~ must be addressed to the responsible agency and
18 ~~shall~~ must remain sealed until publicly opened in the presence of
the responsible agency or a committee thereof at such time as the
20 responsible agency may direct. Competitive bids may be waived in
individual cases involving unusual circumstances with the written
22 approval of the Director of the Bureau of ~~Public-Improvements~~
General Services and the Commissioner of Education.

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26 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

28 This bill removes the exemption from bidding for
30 architectural services, thus requiring competitive bidding for
architectural services provided in designing schools.