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An Act to Establish Thresholds for Delegated Purchasing Authorities and Requirements for Competitive Bidding.

Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative AHEARNE of Madawaska. Cosponsored by Senator KILKELLY of Lincoln and Representative BUMPS of China.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 4	Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 1993, c. 640, §1, is further amended to read:
6	A. The procurement of goods or services by the State, for county commissioners pursuant to Title 30-A, section 124,
8	involves the expenditure of \$1,000 \$2,500 or less, and the interests of the State would best be served;
10	Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§2, ¶F, as amended by PL 1995, c.
12	119, §3, is further amended to read:
14	F. The procurement of goods or services involves expenditures of \$3,500 <u>\$10,000</u> or less, in which case the
16	Director of the Bureau of General Services may accept oral proposals or invitations to bid; or
18	Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§2, ¶G, as enacted by PL 1995, c.
20	119, §4, is amended to read:
22	G. The procurement of goods or services involves expenditures of \$5,000 <u>\$10,000</u> or less, and procurement from
24	a single source is the most economical, effective and appropriate means of fulfilling a demonstrated need.
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28	SUMMARY
30	This bill makes 3 changes to the current procurement laws. The first increases the dollar threshold for waiver of
32	competitive bidding. This change allows state agencies to have a higher direct or delegated purchasing authority.
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36	The 2nd change increases the threshold level for the use of oral proposals or invitations to bid.
38	The 3rd change allows the procurement of goods or services
40	totaling up to \$10,000 from a single source when the purchases can be demonstrated as the most economical, effective and appropriate means of fulfilling a demonstrated need.