

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 769

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND NINE.

AN ACT to prefer Maine labor and Maine contractors upon all work performed for State, municipal, charitable and educational institutions, buildings or public works, or any building or institution supported or aided by the State or municipalities.

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

Section 1. The State, counties, cities and towns, and every
2 charitable or educational institution which is supported in
3 whole or in part by aid granted by the State or by any
4 municipality, shall in the awarding of contracts for con-
5 structing, altering, repairing, furnishing or equipping its
6 buildings, or public works, give preference to workmen and

7 to bidders for such contracts who are residents of this State,
8 provided the bids submitted by such resident bidders are
9 equally favorable with bids submitted by contractors from
10 without the State. Invitations for bids for such work or
11 material shall be advertised in at least three daily news-
12 papers in the State, one at least of which is published within
13 the county where the work is to be done (provided a daily
14 newspaper is published in such county, otherwise in a week-
15 ly newspaper published in such county), and specifications
16 and plans for the same shall be provided and be accessible
17 for figuring, for at least thirty days before the opening of
18 the bids, and if the bidders have conformed to all the re-
19 quirements called for in the advertisements for bids, and the
20 lowest bidder is financially responsible and able to furnish
21 proper bonds for the fulfillment of his contract, such con-
22 tract for work or materials shall be awarded by the proper of-
23 ficers of the State, county, town, city, or institution, to such
24 bidder; provided the bid submitted by the lowest bidder is
25 equally favorable with bids submitted by any contractors re-
26 siding without the State, as above provided. This act shall
27 not apply to construction or repairs amounting to less than
28 four hundred dollars, or to emergency work.

Sect. 2. Every institution and municipality calling for bids
2 as above provided, shall enter proposals and bids upon its
3 books, showing the name, residence of each bidder, and the
4 amount and terms of each bid, and to whom the work or con-
5 tract was awarded; and the same shall be open to inspection
6 of the Governor and Council.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 24, 1909.

Reported by Mr. MARSHALL from Committee on Legal Affairs and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*