

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 3

House of Representatives, Jan. 18, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Labor in concurrence and on motion of Mr. Tilden of Hallowell, five hundred copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Amend Section Thirty-six, of Chapter Forty-nine
of the Revised Statutes of Maine, relating to preference to
Maine Workmen and Contractors.

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

Section 1. Section thirty-six of chapter forty-nine of the
2 Revised Statutes of Maine is hereby amended by striking
3 out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the
4 following; so that when said section is amended it shall
5 read as follows:

'Sect. 36. 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 bidders for
7 such contracts who are residents of this state, provided
8 the bids submitted by such resident bidders are equally
9 favorable with bids submitted by contractors from without
10 the state. Invitations for bids for such work or material
11 shall be advertised in at least three daily newspapers in the
12 state, one at least of which is published within the county
13 where the work is to be done, provided a daily newspaper
14 is published in such county, otherwise in a weekly news-
15 paper published in such county; and specifications and plans
16 for the same shall be provided and be accessible for figuring,
17 for at least thirty days before the opening of the bids; if the
18 bidders have conformed to all the requirements called for in
19 the advertisements for bids, and the lowest bidder is finan-
20 cially responsible and able to furnish proper bonds for the
21 fulfillment of his contract, such contract for work or mate-
22 rials shall be awarded by the proper officers of the state,
23 county, city, or institution, to such bidder; provided the bid
24 submitted by the lowest bidder is equally favorable with
25 bids submitted by any contractors residing without the state,
26 as above provided.

‘The parts of this section applying to the publication or
2 invitation for bids for such work or materials and for the
3 furnishing of specifications and plans for the same shall
4 not apply to construction or repairs amounting to less than

5 \$1,000.00, or to emergency work, or to State road work.

6 'In the employment of workmen in the construction of
7 public works by the State of Maine or by any county, town
8 or district or any charitable or educational institution which
9 is supported in whole or in part by aid granted by the State
10 or by any municipality or by persons contracting with the
11 State or a county, town or district for such construction,
12 preference shall first be given to citizens of this State at the
13 customary and prevailing rate of wages for a day's work
14 in the same trade or occupation in the locality where such
15 public works are constructed. In the case of any dispute
16 of such customary prevailing rate of wages the Commis-
17 sioner of Labor shall investigate all books, accounts and
18 payrolls for the purpose of determining the wages paid in
19 the trade or occupation in the locality where such works are
20 under construction and decide what rate of wages shall be
21 paid. And every contract for such work shall contain a
22 provision to this effect.