

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 623

S. P. 459

In Senate, Feb. 18, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Administrative Code and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Weatherbee of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Creating to State of Maine Purchasing Agents'
Association.

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

Section 1. The persons designated by law to be the purchasing agents of each and every state institution shall constitute an association to be known as the State of Maine Purchasing Agents' Association.

Sec. 2. The members of said association shall have authority to designate as standard articles such supplies and commodities, as in their judgment and experience have been found to be in common and universal use in all the state institutions.

Sec. 3. Said association shall have full power and authority to contract for and purchase all commodities and supplies designated as standard articles by the association and used by state institutions.

Sec. 4. All commodities purchased by the association shall be on competitive bids and shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. In asking for bids on commodities a required grade shall be asked, but no particular brand shall be required.

Sec. 5. The members of said association shall make requisition for such standard articles and commodities as they shall require in writing. Such articles when awarded to bidders

shall be billed direct to the institution and paid for in regular course.

Sec. 6. A majority of the purchasing agents of all institutions shall constitute a quorum sufficient to transact business. The said association shall have a stated meeting on the first Thursday of each month at twelve o'clock noon. The first meeting of the association shall be at the state house in Augusta, and the place of future meetings shall be determined at each previous meeting. The association shall elect an executive board of five members to serve at its pleasure, which board shall have authority to award all contracts, reporting at the following meeting of the association. One of such members to be a secretary and treasurer elected by the association. The secretary shall keep a complete record of all meetings, all requisitions, tenders and awards, which shall be open to inspection by the members of the association and governor and council at all times. All bidders or prospective bidders shall have access to such records, but no person outside of the executive board shall have access or receive information concerning the bid of any person or business firm on any commodity until after the bids are awarded.

Sec. 7. The expenses connected with this association shall be charged by the individual member to the institution of which he is the purchasing agent and shall be paid out of the maintenance fund of such institution.

Sec. 8. No member of said association shall be entitled to receive any compensation for his personal services in connection with the work of the association, except the secretary who shall receive such compensation for his services as the association shall determine, such compensation not to exceed the sum of six hundred dollars per annum.