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H. P. 153

House of Representatives, Jan. 25, 1933.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Fernald of Winterport.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Granting Preference to Maine Bidders.

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

P. L. 1931, c. 216, Art. II, § 24, amended. Section 24 of article II of c. 216 of the public laws of 1931 is hereby amended to read as follows :

'Sec. 24. Awards and contracts. Except as otherwise provided by law, orders awarded or contracts made by the state purchasing agent or by any department or agency, shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, taking into consideration the qualities of the articles to be supplied, their conformity with the specifications, the purposes for which they are required and the date of delivery. Bids shall be received only in accordance with such standard specifications as may be adopted by the state purchasing agent, with the approval of the commissioner of finance, and in the manner provided in this act. Any or all bids may be rejected. **The state may award a contract to any person, firm or corporation that is a citizen of or is incorporated in this state although he or it may have bid up to 2% over the lowest bid offered by a person, firm or corporation from without the state.**

Each bid, with the name of the bidder, shall be entered on a record, and each record with the successful bid indicated shall, after the award or letting of the contract, be opened to public inspection. A bond for the proper performance of each contract may be required in the discretion of the state purchasing agent, with the approval of the commissioner of finance.'