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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT** Relating to Preference to Maine Residents in Certain Contracts.

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

**R. S., c. 30, § 54, repealed and replaced.** Section 54 of chapter 30 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘Sec. 54. Preference to Maine residents in certain contracts; invitations for bids advertised. The State, counties, cities and towns, and every State and municipal quasi corporation, district, authority or agency, and every charitable or educational institution which is supported in whole or in part by aid granted by the State or by any municipality shall, in the awarding of contracts for constructing, altering, repairing, furnishing or equipping its buildings or public works, give preference to workmen and to qualified architects, architectural firms and qualified engineers who are residents of this State, and to qualified bidders for such contracts who are residents of this State, and to subcontractors who are residents of this State, except in those cases where Federal law requires bids to be submitted, taking into consideration what the contracting agency and its architects consider for the best interests of this State. This section shall not apply to construction or repairs amounting to less than \$1,000, or to emergency work, or to highway work.’