

# STATE MARY MADININY

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Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary Presented by Senator Carpenter of Somerset, by request.

#### STATE OF MAINE

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN

## AN ACT Relating to Bids for Construction of Inland Fisheries and Game Projects.

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

**R. S., c. 37, § 2-A, additional.** Chapter 37 of the Revised Statutes, as revised, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 2-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 2-A. Contracts for construction. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game shall have full power in the letting of all contracts for construction projects under the jurisdiction of the Department. The Commissioner shall make all surveys, plans, estimates, specifications and contracts for all proposed work and shall advertise for bids for the same in 2 or more public newspapers printed wholly or in part in the State, and also in one public newspaper printed wholly or in part in the county where the proposed work is to be done, if any such newspaper is so printed in such county. Such advertisement shall state the place where the bidders may examine the plans and specifications, and the time and place where the bids for such work will be received by the Commissioner or his duly authorized agent. Each bidder must accompany his bid with a cashier's check or certified check or a United States postal money order, payable to the Treasurer of State, for an amount which the Commissioner considers sufficient to guarantee that if the work is awarded to him he will contract with the Commissioner for its due execution. Such checks or money orders shall be returned to the respective unsuccessful bidders. The check or money order of the successful bidder shall be returned to him upon the execution and delivery to the Commissioner of his contract and his bond with sufficient sureties, in terms satisfactory to the Commissioner for the due

execution of such work. All bids shall be publicly opened, read and posted at the time and place stated in such advertisement. The Commissioner shall have the right to reject any and all bids if in his opinion good cause exists therefor, but otherwise he shall award the contract to the lowest bidder. The Commissioner may, with the approval of the Governor and Council, award contracts without advertising for bids if the same shall be for the best interest of the State. The Commissioner shall have full power in all matters relating to the furnishing of bonds by the successful bidders for the completion of their work and fulfilling all their contracts, and for the protection of the State from all liability arising from damages or injury to persons or property.