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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1335**

H. P. 942

House of Representatives, March 20, 1957.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Earles of South Portland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Prohibiting Officers of Certain Private Institutions to Have Pecuniary Interest in Contracts.**

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

**R. S., c. 135, § 17, amended.** Section 17 of chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 17. Public officers forbidden to have pecuniary interest in public contracts; contracts void.** No trustee, superintendent, treasurer or other person holding a place of trust in any state office or public institution of the State, or private institution receiving state funds, or any officer of a quasi-municipal corporation shall be pecuniarily interested directly or indirectly in any contracts made in behalf of the State or of the institution or of the quasi-municipal corporation in which he holds such place of trust, and any contract made in violation hereof is void. ~~and if~~ If such officer or person receives any drawbacks, presents, gratuities or secret discounts to his own use on account of such contracts, or from the profits in any materials, supplies or labor furnished or done for the State or such institution or such quasi-municipal corporation, he shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months.'