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from the disability or service retirement allowance payments during the next calendar year, the deductions to be prorated on a monthly basis in an equitable manner prescribed by the board of trustees over the year or part thereof for which benefits are received.

**Sec. 2. Applicability.** This Act shall apply to all employees of the State and of the local participating districts.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## **CHAPTER 223**

### **H. P. 1331 — L. D. 1578**

**AN ACT Concerning Public Agencies Contracting for Architectural Services.**

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

5 MRSA § 1742, sub-§ 6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6. Approve selection of architects and engineers. To approve the selection of architects and engineers registered in Maine in the planning, design and monitoring of construction of public improvements consistent with the policy of this State that proposals for architectural and engineering services for public improvements be publicly announced, and that contracts for architectural and engineering services be negotiated by the contracting authority on the basis of evaluation of professional competency and qualifications required for the type of services contemplated at fair and reasonable prices.

The bureau shall adopt procedures for the procurement of any professional architectural and engineering services for public improvements as defined in section 1741. The procedures shall be adopted pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375 and be deemed a rule.

The procedure shall contain a provision that, prior to initiating the process of selecting an architect or engineer for any project, the contracting authority shall advertise in a daily newspaper that serves the area in which the project is likely to be located. The advertisement shall state, at a minimum, that the selection is to take place and describe the procedures which an engineer or architect may use to be considered as a candidate in the selection process.

The director of the bureau shall maintain a list of engineers and architects who have expressed an interest in providing service to the State or school administrative units.

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