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CHAPTER 15  
PREFERENCE TO MAINE WORKMEN  
AND CONTRACTORS

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**§ 1301. Local residents preferred; exception**

The State, counties, cities and towns, 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 bidders for such contracts who are residents of this State, provided the bids submitted by such resident bidders are equally favorable with bids submitted by contractors from without the State. This section shall not apply to construction or repairs amounting to less than \$1,000 or to emergency work or to state road work.

R.S.1954, c. 30, § 54.

**§ 1302. Proposals and bids recorded**

Every municipality calling for such bids shall enter proposals and bids upon its books, showing the name and residence of each bidder, and the amount and terms of each bid, and to whom the work or contract was awarded. The same shall be open to the inspection of the Governor and Council.

R.S.1954, c. 30, § 55.

**§ 1303. Public works; minimum wage**

In the employment of laborers in the construction of public works, including state highways, by the State or by persons contracting therewith for such construction, preference shall first be given to citizens of the State who are qualified to perform the work to which the employment relates, and, if they cannot be obtained in sufficient numbers, then to citizens of the United States. Every contract for such work shall contain a provision to this effect. The wages for a day's work paid to laborers em-

ployed in the construction of public works, including state highways, shall be not less than the prevailing rate paid by the State for similar work done by the State Highway Commission. Any contractor who knowingly and willfully violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100. Each day that any contractor employs a laborer at less than the wage minimum herein stipulated shall constitute a separate violation of this section.

R.S.1954, c. 30, § 56.