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In Senate, March 5, 2013

An Act To Provide a Preference for Maine Bidders on State Contracts

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LACHOWICZ of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative BECK of Waterville and
Senators: BOYLE of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook, MAZUREK of Knox,
Representatives: JONES of Freedom, LONGSTAFF of Waterville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1301, first ¶** is amended to read:

3 The State, counties, cities and towns, and every charitable or educational institution
4 ~~which~~ that is supported in whole or in part by aid granted by the State or by any
5 municipality shall, in the awarding of ~~contracts~~ a contract for constructing, altering,
6 repairing, furnishing or equipping its buildings or public works, give preference to
7 ~~workmen~~ workers and to bidders for ~~such contracts~~ the contract who are residents of this
8 State, ~~provided~~ as long as the bids submitted by ~~such~~ the resident bidders are ~~equally~~
9 ~~favorable with~~ no more than 5% over the bids submitted by contractors from ~~without~~
10 outside the State. This section ~~shall~~ does not apply to construction or repairs amounting to
11 less than \$1,000 or to emergency work or to state road work.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill gives preference in the award of construction and public works contracts by
14 the State and its political subdivisions to workers and bidders who are residents of this
15 State, as long as their bids are not more than 5% over bids submitted by out-of-state
16 bidders.