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House of Representatives, January 8, 2025

**An Act to Increase the Expenditure Limit for the Informal Bidding  
Process for the Selection of Professional, Architect and Engineer  
Services**

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Submitted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SALISBURY of Westbrook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1742, sub-§6**, as corrected by RR 2013, c. 1, §10, is amended by  
3 amending the 3rd blocked paragraph to read:

4 Notwithstanding this subsection, the bureau may select a person or persons to perform  
5 professional, architectural or engineering services from the list described in this subsection  
6 ~~without advertising or competitive selection~~ if the cost of the services does not exceed  
7 ~~\$25,000~~ \$50,000. The bureau shall solicit names for placement on a list by placing a  
8 general advertisement for professional, architectural or engineering services in newspapers  
9 that taken together have general circulation throughout the State. The bureau may  
10 substitute advertisement in professional journals or other publications that it finds equally  
11 effective in reaching the intended audience. The bureau may require persons responding  
12 to the advertisement to complete a qualifying questionnaire designed to address experience  
13 and expertise in performing the type of work advertised. The bureau shall prepare a list of  
14 respondents that it determines qualified and update the list at least every 2 years.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill amends the informal bidding process for the selection of professional,  
17 architect and engineer services by the Department of Administrative and Financial  
18 Services, Bureau of General Services through the use of a list of qualified service providers  
19 by increasing the cost of services limit from \$25,000 to \$50,000.