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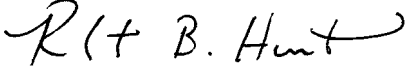
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House of Representatives, April 8, 2025

### An Act to Strengthen the Maine Development Foundation

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Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative ROBERTS of South Berwick.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, COLLAMORE of Pittsfield,  
CROCKETT of Portland, GERE of Kennebunkport, JULIA of Waterville, SAYRE of  
Kennebunk, WALKER of Naples, Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§2, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 516, Pt. A, §1,  
3 is further amended to read:

4 F. The procurement of goods or services involves expenditures of \$25,000 or less, in  
5 which case the Director of the Bureau of General Services may accept informal written  
6 quotes or bids; or

7 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§2, ¶G**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 105, §3, is  
8 further amended to read:

9 G. The procurement of goods or services involves expenditures of \$10,000 or less, and  
10 procurement from a single source is the most economical, effective and appropriate  
11 means of fulfilling a demonstrated need; or

12 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§2, ¶H** is enacted to read:

13 H. The procurement of goods or services is consistent with the purposes and duties of  
14 the Maine Development Foundation under Title 10, section 917-A and procuring those  
15 goods or services from the Maine Development Foundation is the most economical,  
16 effective and appropriate means of fulfilling a demonstrated need.

17 **Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §919**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1997, c. 662, §3, is amended  
18 to read:

19 **§919. Board of directors; officers**

20 The Board of Directors of the Maine Development Foundation, referred to in this  
21 chapter as "the "board of directors," consists of a minimum of 15 directors elected or  
22 appointed to serve in that capacity in accordance with this section. The board of directors  
23 shall annually determine the number of directors for the succeeding year. The incorporators  
24 shall elect 1/2 of the elected directors from among the private sector incorporators and 1/2  
25 of the elected directors from among the public sector incorporators. The Governor shall appoint  
26 2 directors from among the ex officio incorporators. ~~Except for the president of the Maine~~  
27 ~~Development Foundation, a person may not serve as a director for more than 5 years in~~  
28 ~~succession.~~ Elected directors must be elected to 4-year staggered terms, as provided by the  
29 board of directors, and may not be elected for more than 2 successive terms. The  
30 incorporators shall elect a chair, a vice-chair and a treasurer from among the board of  
31 directors. The board of directors shall appoint a president of the Maine Development  
32 Foundation. The president may not be appointed from among the other directors. Upon  
33 appointment, the president becomes a director and the chief executive officer of the Maine  
34 Development Foundation.

35 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill revises the term limits of the Board of Directors of the Maine Development  
37 Foundation. The bill also authorizes the Director of the Bureau of General Services within  
38 the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to waive the competitive bidding  
39 requirement if the procurement of goods or services is consistent with the purposes and  
40 duties of the Maine Development Foundation and procuring those goods or services from  
41 the Maine Development Foundation is the most economical, effective and appropriate  
42 means of fulfilling a demonstrated need.