

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Third Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 9.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
EIGHTY-SEVEN.

AN ACT to provide for a Bureau of Labor Statistics.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a separate
2 and distinct department which shall be called the
3 bureau of labor statistics.

SECT. 2. The object of this department shall be
2 to collect, assort, systematize and present in annual
3 reports to the Governor, to be by him transmitted
4 biennially to the Legislature statistical details re-
5 lating to all departments of labor in the State,
6 especially in its relations to the commercial, indus-
7 trial, social education and sanitary condition of the

8 laboring classes and to the permanent prosperity
9 of the productive industries of the State.

SECT. 3. The Governor shall, with the advice and
2 consent of the Council, appoint, immediately after
3 this act goes into effect and thereafter biennially
4 on the first Wednesday in February, some suitable
5 person who is identified with the labor interests
6 and who shall be designated commissioner of labor
7 statistics, with an office in such place as shall be
8 designated by the Governor.

SECT. 4. The commissioner herein named shall
2 receive an annual salary of one thousand dollars,
3 and to aid in carrying out the provisions of this
4 act said commissioner is hereby authorized to em-
5 ploy such assistance and incur such expense not
6 exceeding fifteen hundred dollars per annum as
7 shall be necessary to carry out the provisions of
8 this act.

SECT. 5. The commissioner shall have power to
2 take and preserve evidence, examine witnesses
3 under oath and administer the same, and in the dis-
4 charge of his duty may enter any public institution
5 of the State, and any factory, workshop, mine,
6 or other place where labor may be employed.

SECT. 6. All State, county, city and town officers
2 are hereby directed to furnish to said commissioner

3 upon his request all statistical information in refer-
4 ence to labor, which shall be in their possession as
5 such officers.

SECT. 7. There is hereby appropriated out of any
2 money remaining in the State treasury the sum of
3 five thousand dollars for the ensuing two years for
4 the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this
5 act; the commissioner herein named shall receive
6 his salary in monthly instalments and the expenses
7 of the bureau shall be paid on the vouchers pre-
8 sented by the commissioners.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force
2 from and after its approval.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 17, 1887. }

Reported from Committee on Labor by Mr. LYONS of Vinal Haven,
and ordered printed and re-committed.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*

Sixty - Third Legislature.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE AMENDMENT A,

To House Document No. 9, "An Act to provide for a Bureau of Labor Statistics."

Offered by Mr. Dow of Portland.

Amend by striking out in the 7th line of section 2 the 2 words "*education and sanitary*," and insert between the 3 words "industrial" and "social" in the same line, the 4 word 'AND.' Strike out the words "*laboring classes*" in 5 the 8th line, same section, and substitute the word 'PEOPLE.' 6 Insert between the words "and" and "any" in the 5th 7 line of section 5, the following words: 'AT REASONABLE 8 HOURS WHEN OPEN FOR BUSINESS.' Add to section 7, 9 the words '*after the same shall have been audited and* 10 *approved by the Governor and Council.*'

HOUSE AMENDMENT B,

To House Document No. 9. Offered by Mr. Clark of Calais.

Section eight shall read as follows:

'SECT. 8. The resolve of the Legislature approved 2 February 24th, 1873, entitled a resolve in relation to in- 3 dustrial statistics, and all acts and parts of acts incon- 4 sistent thereto are hereby repealed.

Section eight as printed shall read 'Sect 9.'

HOUSE AMENDMENT C,
To House Document No. 9.

Offered by Mr. Harrington of Norridgewock.

Amend Section three so that as amended it shall read,
2 'The governor shall, with the advice and consent of the
3 council, immediately after this act goes into effect, and
4 thereafter biennially, on the first Wednesday of February,
5 appoint some suitable person who is identified with the la-
6 bor interests, who shall be designated the Commissioner
7 of Labor and Labor Statistics.'