

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 95

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In Senate, Feb. 20, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Walker from Committee on Library and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Metcalf of Piscataquis.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

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AN ACT to amend sections forty-two and forty-three of chapter sixty-four of the Revised Statutes, relative to the publication of Ancient Vital Statistics.

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

Section 1. Section 42 of chapter 64 of the revised statutes 2 is hereby amended by striking out the words "secretary of 3 state" in the tenth line thereof and inserting in place thereof 4 the words 'librarian of the state library,' so that said section 5 as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 42. Whenever the record of the births, marriages, 2 and deaths of any town in the state, previous to the year 3 1892, beginning at the very earliest date, shall be collected

4 from church records, church registers, records of clergymen,  
5 family bibles, public records and other available sources,  
6 and shall be printed and verified in the manner required by  
7 the standing committee of the Maine Historical Society,  
8 under the editorship of some person selected by said com-  
9 mittee, whose services shall be rendered free and without  
10 any compensation, and the work shall appear to them to have  
11 been prepared with accuracy, the librarian of the state library  
12 shall purchase five hundred copies of such record at a price  
13 not exceeding one cent per page; provided that the written  
14 copies of the town records shall become the property of the  
15 state, and shall be deposited in the office of the registrar of  
16 vital statistics; and provided, further, that not more than one  
17 thousand dollars shall be expended by authority of this  
18 section in any one year.'

Sect. 2. Any volume of ancient vital records now on file in  
2 the office of the secretary of state shall be transferred to the  
3 state library and retained on file in said state library. Sec-  
4 tion 43 of chapter 64 of the revised statutes is hereby  
5 amended by striking out the words "one copy to the office  
6 of secretary of state" in the third line thereof, so that said  
7 section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 43. The volumes purchased as aforesaid shall be  
2 distributed by the state registrar as follows: One copy to the  
3 state library; one copy to the free public library of each  
4 town and city in the state; one copy to each state and terri-  
5 torial library in the United States; one copy to the library of

6 congress; one copy to each incorporated historical society in  
7 the state; one copy to the library of each college in the state;  
8 and one copy to each registry of deeds. The remainder shall  
9 be placed in the state library for the purpose of exchange.'