

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

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Chapter 22.

An Act to establish Traveling Libraries.

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

Section 1. Under such rules and regulations as the governor and council may prescribe the state librarian is hereby authorized to lend books and documents from the state library to any responsible citizen of the state, on written application therefor and on payment of all express and carriage charges; but books and documents in the library for reference and library use only, shall not be so loaned.

Conditions upon which books may be taken from the State library.

Section 2. On the written application of the officers of any free library within the state or any association composed of five or more persons residing in a town destitute of a free library, and on the payment of ten cents per volume in advance, to cover express and other charges, the state librarian may loan to such library or association for a period not exceeding six months, sets of books selected and kept for that purpose, not exceeding fifty volumes at any one time. Said books are to be loaned free of charge to the patrons of such free library and to the citizens of the town where such association is located, under such rules as the free library commission may prescribe.

Books may be loaned to free library associations upon payment of charges for transportation.

—books shall be loaned free to patrons.

Section 3. Any person or persons who, on his own request or written application therefor, receives the loan of any books or documents from the Maine State Library, shall be held liable for the full value thereof to the state librarian, and if he shall neglect or fail to return the same to the library within the prescribed time or shall return the same in an injured or mutilated condition, after due demand and notice, said state librarian may maintain an action at law against such person for the full value of such books or documents.

Liability of persons taking books from state library.

Section 4. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint four persons as library commissioners in manner following: one person for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, and one for the term of four years and thereafter one person yearly for the term of four years. Said commissioners shall serve without pay and it shall be their duty to encourage the establishment of free public libraries, to select the books to be purchased for traveling libraries and to advise the state librarian in reference thereto.

Appointment of library commissioners.

—tenure.

—duties.

Section 5. The state librarian shall be, ex-officio, a member of the library commission and secretary thereof. It shall be his duty to purchase the books for traveling libraries, to cause the

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—duties.

Expenditures shall be under sanction of governor and council.

same to be catalogued and placed in proper cases for transportation and use, and to keep accurate accounts of all matters relating to the expenditures of money, the transportation of libraries and such other statistics as the commission may require.

Section 6. All expenditures of money shall be made with the sanction of the governor and council, and the commissioners shall make to them a yearly report.

Approved February 23, 1899.

Chapter 23.

An Act to amend Chapters two hundred and seventeen and two hundred and eighteen of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, entitled "An Act to amend Section forty-three of Chapter seventy of the Revised Statutes, relating to Insolvent Debtors."

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

Section 43, chapter 70, R. S., as amended by chapter 63, public laws of 1887 and chapter 217, laws of 1889, further amended.

Section 1. Section forty-three of chapter seventy of the revised statutes, as amended by section one of chapter sixty-three of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven and by chapter two hundred and seventeen and chapter two hundred and eighteen of the public laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, is hereby further amended by inserting after "thereafterward" in the fifth line thereof the words 'except by leave of court, upon such notice, if any, as the court may order,' and by striking out the words "within the time herein limited therefore" in the ninth and tenth lines thereof and inserting in place thereof 'as above set forth,' so that said section, as amended shall read as follows:

Oath may be taken any time within two years from commencement of proceedings.

'Section 1. If for any cause a debtor shall fail to take and subscribe to the oath referred to in the forty-third section of chapter seventy of the revised statutes, he may do so at any time within two years from the date of the commencement of proceedings, and not thereafterward except by leave of court, upon such notice, if any, as the court may order, with the same effect as if originally taken; whenever in any case the debtor fails to take the oath prescribed in the forty-third section of chapter seventy of the revised statutes as above set forth, all proceedings in insolvency may be dismissed upon motion of any party interested, after such notice as the judge shall order.'

—if debtor fails to take oath, proceedings may be dismissed.

Section 2. This act shall apply to all cases now pending.

Section 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 1, 1899.