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documents donated by the state, shall be and remain the property of said municipality.

**Sec. 29. Duty to keep custody of public documents furnished by state librarian; duty to report list of books purchased with state stipend.** R. S. c. 4, § 29. 1943, c. 333. In every town and city where a free public library exists, the librarian of the state library shall transmit to such library all laws, Maine reports, and other documents which the town or city is by law entitled to receive from the state, except as provided in sections 18 and 19, and the same shall be constantly kept in such library for the use and benefit of all the citizens; and the officers of said library, on or before the 1st day of May of each year, shall send to the librarian of the state library a report containing a list of all books and documents purchased with the state stipend for the preceding year and of all books and documents received from the state in said library. The aid from the state, provided by section 27, shall be withheld from any city, town, or village corporation until the report herein required to be made on or before the 1st day of May of each year shall have been received by the librarian of the state library; and the same shall also be withheld unless said report shall show that the laws, Maine reports, and other documents furnished to said town or city by the state are kept in said library as required by this section.

**Sec. 30. Books may be donated to towns to assist in foundation of library.** R. S. c. 4, § 30. 1939, c. 305, § 6. 1943, c. 333. The Maine state library shall donate to any town having no free public library owned or controlled by the town books purchased for that purpose not exceeding 50% in value of the books and documents purchased by said town for the purpose of founding a free public library therein; said donation in no case to exceed \$100 unless, in the judgment of the librarian, it would be to the advantage of the library to receive the amount in some other form.

**Sec. 31. Towns may accept gifts and devises for library purposes.** R. S. c. 4, § 31. Any town, as such, may receive, hold, and manage devises, bequests, or gifts for the establishment, increase, or maintenance of a public library therein; and may accept by vote of the legal voters thereof any land or land and buildings thereon, to be used as a public library or art gallery, or both combined. When any plantation is incorporated into a town such gifts and the proceeds thereof fully vest in such town.

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## CHAPTER 39.

### STATE HISTORIAN.

See c. 38, § 21, re records of vital statistics.

**Sec. 1. State historian, appointment; duties.** R. S. c. 3, § 1. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a state historian, who shall be a member of the Maine Historical Society and whose duty it shall be to compile historical data of the state and encourage the teaching of the history of the state in the public schools. He shall also encourage the compiling and

publishing of town histories, combined with local geography; he shall examine and, when he decides that the material is suitable, approve histories of towns compiled as provided in the following section.

**Sec. 2. May approve publication of town history.** R. S. c. 3, § 2. Whenever any town shall present to the state historian material which he considers suitable for publication as a history of the town presenting the same, he may approve the publication of a history with the local geography which will be suitable for use in the grammar and high school grades of the public schools.

Preservation of records and history of Grand Army of the Republic, Dept. of Maine, P. & S. L. 1909, c. 149; P. & S. L. 1911, c. 205.

**Sec. 3. Board to compile history.** R. S. c. 3, § 3. The superintending school committee and the superintendent of schools, with some citizen of the town to be elected by them, shall constitute a board to compile a history and the local geography of the town in which they reside. Two or more towns may unite in compiling and publishing a history and the local geography of the towns forming the union. The superintendent of schools shall forward 2 copies of such history to the state library and notify the superintendent of public schools of the title of said history.

**Sec. 4. Towns publishing history to receive state aid.** R. S. c. 3, § 4. Whenever material for a town history with local geography has been approved by the state historian and the same has been published by the town, or by a union of towns and provision has been made for its regular use in the public schools of said town, the treasurer of state shall pay the town so publishing a sum not exceeding \$150, provided that the state shall not pay to any town more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the amount paid by said town for printing and binding the history thereof.

**Sec. 5. Marking of historical sites.** R. S. c. 3, § 5. The marking of historical sites, as authorized by the legislature, shall be under the direction of the state historian.

**Sec. 6. Expenses of historian.** R. S. c. 3, § 6. The actual cash expenses of the state historian incurred while in the discharge of his official duties including any sum necessarily contracted by him for clerical assistance in arranging, classifying, preserving, and indexing books, manuscripts, records, documents, and papers now or hereafter in the possession of the state, shall be paid from the state treasury but shall not exceed \$500 a year; any portion of said amount may be expended by the state historian, under the direction of the governor and council, in the publication of historical matter and data relating to the history of the state, or in making available by card catalogue, and otherwise, historical materials in the possession of the state. The appropriation so made available shall constitute a continuous carrying account and any balance of same shall be carried forward and be credited to the appropriation for the same purpose for the succeeding year.