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Chapter 43. State Historian.

Cross Reference.—See c. 42, § 27, re records of vital statistics.

Sec. 1. State historian, appointment; duties.—A state historian, as heretofore appointed, shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council. He shall be a member of the Maine Historical Society and it shall be his duty 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. (R. S. c. 39, § 1.)

See c. 1, § 35, re destruction of old records.

Sec. 2. Publication of town history.—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. (R. S. c. 39, § 2.)

Sec. 3. Board to compile history.—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. (R. S. c. 39, § 3.)

Sec. 4. State aid for towns publishing history.—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. (R. S. c. 39, § 4.)

Sec. 5. Marking of historical sites.—The marking of historical sites, as authorized by the legislature, shall be under the direction of the state historian. (R. S. c. 39, § 5.)

Sec. 6. Expenses of historian.—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. (R. S. c. 39, § 6.)