

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

DOCUMENTS

PRINTED BY ORDER OF

THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING THE

EXTRA SESSION OF 1853, AND SESSION OF 1854.



Augusta:

WILLIAM T. JOHNSON, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

1854.

---

---

# THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

---

SENATE.

No. 20.

---

---

## STATE OF MAINE.

---

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
FIFTY-FOUR.

---

### AN ACT relating to the State Library.

---

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

SECTION 1. The books now belonging to the state.  
2 and such as shall be hereafter purchased or received  
3 by the state, shall be collected and kept in the south  
4 wing of the capitol, and shall compose the state  
5 library.

SECT. 2. The state library shall hereafter be under  
2 the management and control of three trustees, who  
3 shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice  
4 and consent of the council, and who shall hold their  
5 offices for the term of three years unless sooner re-  
6 moved.

SECT. 3. There shall be appointed by the governor  
2 and council a librarian of the state library, who shall  
3 hold his office for the term of three years unless  
4 sooner removed, and who shall give bond to the state  
5 in such sum and with such securities as shall be ap-  
6 proved by the governor and council for the faithful  
7 performance of all the duties of his office.

SECT. 4. The librarian shall receive in full for his  
2 services an annual salary of six hundred dollars, to be  
3 paid quarterly out of any moneys in the treasury not  
4 otherwise appropriated.

SECT. 5. The librarian, under the direction of the  
2 trustees, shall take charge of the library and all prop-  
3 erty belonging thereto, classify, number and arrange  
4 the books ; prepare and keep a suitable catalogue of  
5 the books, maps and charts belonging to the library.  
6 Also keep a register of all books issued and returned  
7 at the times they shall be so issued and returned, and  
8 perform such other duties as may be imposed by law  
9 and the regulations of the trustees. .

SECT. 6. The library shall be kept open every day in  
2 the year, Sundays and the usual public holidays except-  
3 ed, during usual business hours ; at which times the

4 librarian, unless prevented by sickness, shall give his  
5 constant personal attendance in the library.

SECT. 7. All sums of money appropriated, or which  
2 shall hereafter be appropriated by the legislature, for  
3 the purchase of books, shall be expended by the  
4 librarian, under the direction of the trustees.

SECT. 8. It shall be the duty of the librarian to re-  
2 port to the legislature, annually, in the month of Jan-  
3 uary, the receipts and expenditures on account of the  
4 library, with a list of all books, maps and charts ac-  
5 quired since the last report, specifying those obtained  
6 by exchange, donation or purchase; and those, if  
7 any, which have been lost, or are missing, and make  
8 such suggestions in relation to the library as may lead  
9 to its improvement.

SECT. 9. Books may be taken from the library by  
2 the governor, members of the council and of the  
3 legislature, judges of the judicial courts, secretary of  
4 state, treasurer of the state, adjutant general, attorney  
5 general and land agent; *provided*, that this privilege  
6 to the members of the legislature shall be limited to  
7 the time they may be in session.

SECT. 10. No person authorized to take books  
2 from the library, shall be permitted to have, at any

3 one time, more than three volumes, nor shall the  
4 same be retained more than three weeks at a time ;  
5 and all shall be returned on or before the first day  
6 of January, annually.

SECT. 11. No law works of this or any other coun-  
2 try, belonging to the library, excepting those of the  
3 State of Maine, Vattemare's exchanges, or books  
4 presented by the United States, or any other state,  
5 shall be allowed to be removed from the library room,  
6 except for the use of the two houses, and the com-  
7 mittees at their committee rooms, during their sessions.

SECT. 12. Every person shall be answerable for all  
2 damage done by him to any book, and in case of the  
3 loss of a volume belonging to a set, the person an-  
4 swerable therefor shall procure a new volume or pay  
5 in money the value of the set.

SECT. 13. Actions for the breach of said regulations  
2 may be brought by the librarian in his own name for  
3 the use of the state, and in case of his death or re-  
4 moval from office, the action shall survive and be  
5 prosecuted by his successor.

SECT. 14. The governor may transmit to the gov-  
2 ernors of the several states three copies of all the  
3 laws and resolves published by order of the legislature,

4 one copy of all public documents printed and bound  
5 by the like order, and one copy of the printed decis-  
6 ions of the judicial courts.

SECT. 15. Chapter four of the revised statutes, en-  
2 titled "Of the state library," also an act entitled "An  
3 act in addition to chapter four of the revised statutes  
4 further regulating the state library," approved June  
5 24, 1847, are hereby repealed.





STATE OF MAINE.

---

IN SENATE, April 8, 1854.

This Bill, reported by Mr. Spofford, from the committee on the Library, was read once, and

*Ordered*, That 350 copies of said Bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, *Secretary*.