

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING THE

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1854.

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 24.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to authorize the establishment and maintain-
ance of Public Libraries.

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

SECTION 1. Any city, town or plantation of this
2 state, is hereby authorized to establish and maintain
3 a public library, within the same, for the use of the
4 inhabitants thereof; and to provide suitable rooms
5 therefor, under such regulations for the government
6 of such library, as may from time to time be pre-
7 scribed by the inhabitants of such city, town or plant-
8 ation.

SECT. 2. Any city, town or plantation, may appropriate for the foundation and commencement of such library, as aforesaid, a sum not exceeding one dollar, for each of its ratable polls in the year next preceding that in which such appropriation shall be made; and may also appropriate, annually, for the maintenance and increase of such library, a sum not exceeding twenty-five cents for each of its ratable polls in the year next preceding that in which such appropriation shall be made.

SECT. 3. Any city, town or plantation, may receive in its corporate capacity and hold and manage any devise, bequest or donation for the establishment, increase or maintenance of a public library within the same.

IN SENATE, March 27, 1854.

This bill having had two several readings, passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

WILLIAM TRAFTON, *Secretary.*

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 29, 1854. }

This Bill was once read, laid upon the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

BENJAMIN FREEMAN, *Clerk pro tem.*