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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 711

In Senate, September 28, 1964

Committee on Judiciary suggested. Sent down for concurrence.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Farris of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FOUR

AN ACT Relating to Sale and Distribution of the Revised Statutes, Supplements Thereto and the Session Laws.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the Revised Statutes of Maine, 1964, has been completed and submitted to the 101st Legislature in Special Session for its consideration; and

Whereas, it is necessary for the Legislature to pass on and enact this revision at least 90 days prior to the next regular session, if the 102nd Legislature is to function on the basis of these revised laws; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary for the State Librarian to fix the price, with the approval of the Governor and Council, and to prepare for sale and distribution of the revision before the completion of such 90-day period in order that such revision will be available when it becomes effective; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Delivery to successor in office. All revisions of the statutes, and supplements thereto, the session laws and the Maine Reports sold or furnished to any state, county or municipal officer, shall be held in trust by said officer for the sole use of his office; and at the expiration of his term of office or on his removal therefrom by death, resignation or other cause, such officer, or if he is dead, his legal representatives, shall turn them over to his successor in office. If there is no successor to his office, such officer, or his legal representatives, shall

turn over all of said publications to the State, county or municipal unit which purchased the same. Copies of said publications distributed or sold to Justices and ex-justices of the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts shall be and remain the personal property of said justices.

Sec. 2. Distribution and sale. Copies of the Revised Statutes, supplements thereto, and session laws shall be delivered by the printer to the State Librarian for distribution and for sale.

Sec. 3. Recipients authorized. A copy of all revisions of the statutes, and supplements thereto, and the session laws shall be sold at the established price to the following: Each free public library, college library, municipality, county attorney, clerk of courts, county commissioners' court, sheriff, county treasurer, register of deeds, register of probate, judge of probate and ex-governor.

A copy of all revisions of the statutes, and supplements thereto, and the session laws shall be furnished to each county law library, Justice and ex-justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, Justice and ex-justice of the Superior Court, District Court, Councillor, the Governor, Reporter of Decisions, Judge of the United States District Court for Maine, United States District Attorney for Maine, Clerk of the United States District Court for Maine, the Library of the United States Court of Appeals for the first circuit, Senator and Representative from Maine in the Congress of the United States, the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House.

The Legislature, state administrative departments, bureaus, agencies and commissions shall be sold or furnished copies necessary for legislative or administrative purposes under rules and regulations promulgated by the State Librarian.

Copies shall be sent, on an exchange basis, to the Library of Congress, secretary of the Maine State Bar Association, the Supreme Court Library of Canada and to each state or territorial library in the United States.

One copy of the laws passed by each session of the Legislature shall be given to each member thereof, the Secretary of the Senate, the Assistant Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House and the Assistant Clerk of the House.

One copy of the latest unannotated revision of the statutes and the current supplement thereto shall be given to each member of the Legislature who has not previously received such a copy as a member of the Legislature which enacted the revision or a Legislature which met in regular session after the effective date of such revision of statutes.

The remaining copies of the revisions of the statutes, and supplements thereto, and the session laws shall be held in the library for exchange or library use, except as otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 4. Repealing and amending clause. All Acts and resolves or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended to conform to this Act.

Emergency clause; effective date. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved only for the purpose of fixing the price. All other provisions of this Act shall become effective January 4, 1965.