

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1641

S. P. 658

In Senate, January 17, 1966

The Committee on Judiciary suggested.

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Violette of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SIX

AN ACT Relating to Duties of Reporter of Decisions.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 4, § 702, amended.** Section 702 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows :

§ 702. Duties

The Reporter of Decisions shall prepare correct reports of all legal questions argued and decided, reporting cases more or less at large according to his judgment of their importance. He shall publish periodic advance sheets and at least one volume of Maine Reports yearly ~~provided he has material enough to make a volume of the size required by this section, and furnish current copies to the State and to the public at a price to be fixed by the Governor and Council.~~ Each volume shall be of the average size of Maine Reports, and be equal thereto in paper, printing, general finish and quantity of printed matter. Upon receipt of an opinion from the law court the reporter shall prepare a concise abstract thereof in the form of a letter to be immediately distributed to members of the court and such others as the Chief Justice may direct. The reporter ~~may, from time to time as he sees fit shall,~~ subject to the approval of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, make a written contract in ~~his own name~~ the name of the State with any person, firm or corporation for the printing, publishing and binding of said reports ~~and shall.~~ The price of each volume and the advance sheets shall be stated in the contract. He may require such person, firm or corporation to give a good and sufficient bond with good and sufficient sureties, conditioned for the faithful performance of all the terms and conditions of such contract by the person, firm or corporation

with whom the reporter makes such contract. In case of a breach of any or all of the conditions of such bond, the reporter may maintain an action on such bond in ~~his own name~~ **the name of the State**. In the exercise of any discretionary powers vested in him by this section or by section 57, the Reporter of Decisions shall act in accordance with such instructions or advice as may be given to him by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 4, § 703, repealed.** Section 703 of Title 4 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

**Sec. 3. Application.** The first written contract under this Act shall commence January 1, 1966.