

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1571

H. P. 1216

House of Representatives, March 22, 1973

Referred to the Committee on State Government. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brown of Augusta.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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AN ACT Extending the Hours of the Maine State Library.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 27, § 31, amended.** The first sentence of section 31 of Title 27 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**The State Librarian shall keep the library open at such hours, including Saturdays, Sundays and evenings but excluding holidays, as will give the public an opportunity for greater use of the facility.**

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Maine State Library Bureau and to the Bureau of Public Improvements for the fiscal years July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974 and July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975, the sum of \$62,440. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1973-74	1974-75
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Maine State Library Bureau		
Personal Services	(3) \$25,000.00	(3) \$25,500.00
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Public Improvements		
Personal Services	(1) 5,824.80	(1) 6,115.20
	<u>\$30,824.80</u>	<u>\$31,615.20</u>

**Sec. 3. Effective date.** This Act shall become effective July 1, 1973.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill requires the State Librarian to keep the State Library open to the public more often with seasonal adjustment, plus some evening hours. The hours will be determined by public usage.

It further provides appropriations for additional library staff and additional security personnel, both items occasioned by the additional hours.