

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 911

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7 S.P. 296

In Senate, February 28, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent
9 down for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

11 Presented by Senator Wood of York.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Reinstate the Large Print
18 Book Program at the Maine State Library.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Appropriation. The following funds are appropri-
23 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
24 of this Act.

25 1983-84 1984-85

26 EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
27 SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

28	Positions	(1)	(1)
29	Personal Services	\$14,255	\$15,524
30	All Other	15,000	15,000
31	Total	\$29,255	\$30,524

1 Large Print Book Program

2 To be allocated to the
3 Maine State Library by
4 the Commissioner of
5 Educational and Cul-
6 tural Services. These
7 funds will provide
8 financial support for
9 the Large Print Book
10 Collection which serves
11 Maine's elderly and
12 visually impaired,
13 through the addition
14 of a Clerk Typist III
15 position for the Maine
16 State Library and an
17 increase in the large
18 print book purchasing
19 budget.

20 STATEMENT OF FACT

21 This bill is needed to support the rotating col-
22 lections of the Large Print Book Program. Since 1976,
23 the Maine State Library has been circulating large
24 print books to public libraries and others throughout
25 the State. In turn, the public libraries circulate
26 these books to their elderly and visually handicapped
27 patrons. The program has grown considerably in the
28 past 7 years. Residents requiring large print books
29 have increased to the point where the collection is
30 not large enough to serve their reading needs, nor is
31 the staff sufficient to meet their demands. Cur-
32 rently, the Maine State Library provides large print
33 books to 90 public libraries, 50 nursing homes and
34 over 3,000 individual borrowers. Additional funds
35 will help to continue this much needed service.

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