

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Second Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 181.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
EIGHTY-FIVE.

AN ACT to provide for a Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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

SECTION 1. A bureau of labor statistics is hereby estab-
2 lished, to be composed of a chief, who shall be elected by
3 the Legislature biennially in the same manner as Secretary
4 of State, and a clerk to be appointed by the chief. The
5 bureau shall collect, assort, arrange and present in reports
6 to the Legislature, biennially, on or before the day fixed
7 for the regular meeting of that body, statistical details
8 relating to all departments of labor in the State, es-
9 pecially in relation to the commercial, industrial, social,
10 educational, and sanitary condition of laboring men and
11 women, and to the permanent prosperity of the produc-
12 tive industry of the State. And the chief shall semi-
13 annually, on the first day of January and the first day of
14 July of each year, present to the Secretary of State an

15 abstract of such statistical information as the bureau has
16 collected, in form suitable for public inspection, and the
17 Secretary of State shall cause these semi-annual reports
18 to be printed for free distribution to the citizens of the
19 State.

SECT. 2. The bureau shall have power to send for per-
2 sons and papers, when necessary to carry out the purposes
3 of this act, and to examine witnesses under oath; and
4 such witnesses shall be summoned in the same manner
5 and paid the same fees as witnesses before the Supreme
6 Judicial Court of the State.

SECT. 3. The chief of said bureau shall receive an an-
2 nual salary of one thousand dollars, and the clerk an
3 annual salary of eight hundred dollars.

SECT. 4. The chief of said bureau may employ such
2 assistants and incur such expense, not exceeding three
3 thousand dollars in each year, as may be necessary in the
4 discharge of the official duties of said bureau. Such as-
5 sistants shall be paid for their services such compensation
6 as the chief of said bureau may deem just; but no assistant
7 shall be paid more than three dollars per day in addition
8 to his necessary travelling expenses.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved by
2 the Governor, and a chief of the bureau shall be elected
3 by the present Legislature, to enter upon the discharge
4 of his duties July first, eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 25, 1885. }

Reported for the Minority, from Judiciary Committee, by Mr. LITTLEFIELD, and ordered printed.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*