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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 320.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-THREE.

AN ACT to amend Sections seventy-two, seventy-three and eighty-five of Charter two of the Revised Statutes, relating to the State Library also to amend Chapter one hundred fifteen of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter one hundred eighty-nine of the Public Laws of 1889, relating to the salary of the Librarian, also to define and increase the duties of the State Librarian and to provide for an assistant.

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

SECTION 1. Section seventy-two of chapter two of the
2 Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto
3 after the word "trustees" the following words: "and they
4 are hereby authorized and empowered to make such rules
5 and regulations as are necessary for the proper manage-

6 ment of the library and the safety of its contents,' so that
7 said section shall read as follows :

'Section 72. The State library shall be under the man-
9 agement and control of the governor and council as a
10 board of trustees and they are hereby authorized and
11 empowered to make such rules and regulations as are
12 necessary for the proper management of the library and
13 the safety of its contents.'

SECT. 2. Section seventy-three of chapter two of the
2 Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the
3 word "three" in the second line of said section and insert-
4 ing in its stead the word 'six' so that said section as
5 amended shall read as follows :

'Section 73. They shall appoint a librarian of the State
7 library, who shall hold office six years unless sooner
8 removed, and give bond to the State for the faithful per-
9 formance of the duties of his office, in such sum and with
10 such sureties as shall be approved by the governor and
11 council.'

SECT. 3. Section eighty-five of chapter two of the
2 Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the
3 word "one" in the first line of said section, and inserting
4 in its stead the word 'two' so that said section as amended
5 shall read as follows :

'Section 85. Two thousand dollars shall be biennially
7 appropriated for the library, to be expended in purchasing
8 or otherwise procuring such books, maps, charts, and
9 works, as are deemed most useful, and in binding and
10 keeping in good condition the works therein.'

SECT. 4. All books, documents, pamphlets, manu-
2 scripts, records, archives, maps, pictures and all other

3 works of art, science and literature, and all annual,
4 biennial and special reports of departments, officers and
5 institutions controlled or supported by the State, and all
6 other property appropriate to a general library, if owned
7 by the State, and all books, documents and publications
8 received by any one through purchase, gift, exchange or
9 loan, from any source, for the use of the State, shall con-
10 stitute the Maine State Library, and shall be in charge
11 and under the general control and management of the
12 librarian.

All money appropriated by the legislature for the pur-
14 chase of books and documents shall be expended by
15 the librarian under the direction of the governor,
16 and all books, documents and other works received
17 by any State official, and designed as a gift or ex-
18 change for the use of the State, shall be delivered to
19 the librarian and placed in the library.

SECT. 5. There shall be procured and kept in the
2 library, full and complete sets of digests, law reports,
3 public laws and legislative documents of the United
4 States and of the several states; a full set of English and
5 Canada law reports, digests and laws; the general works
6 on elementary law and practice; histories of all countries,
7 including those of this State, its counties and towns;
8 works on the arts and sciences, with special reference to
9 agriculture, forestry, fishing, ship building and road
10 making; maps, charts, plans and manuscripts, statis-
11 tical and other publications relating to the financial, social,
12 religious and educational condition of the world, and
13 more especially of this State, as fast as means are fur-
14 nished by the State therefor, and all the printed docu-

15 ments of this State, and reports of all departments,
16 offices, institutions and towns, required by law, not dis-
17 tributed by the several departments, shall be kept in the
18 library.

SECT. 6. In addition to the general duties of his office,
2 the librarian shall solicit and receive all duplicate copies of
3 books and documents, and maintain a bureau of deposits,
4 and exchange with all other libraries and institutions of
5 learning, and shall aid in the establishment of free public
6 libraries in the State by gifts of such books and documents
7 as are published or purchased by the State for distribu-
8 tion.

SECT. 7. It shall also be his duty to distribute all the
2 reports of the departments and institutions of the State,
3 and all books and documents published or purchased by
4 the State, to such nations, counties, municipalities, corpo-
5 rations, institutions and persons as are or may be by law
6 entitled to receive the same.

He shall also supply the chief officers of each State
8 department and institution with such numbers of its
9 reports as the governor and council may order for com-
10 plimentary and official distribution by said officers.

He shall maintain a document department in a room pro-
12 vided for that purpose, in which shall be stored all
13 department reports and the publications of the State
14 intended for distribution, and shall keep an accurate
15 account of all books and documents received, and of every
16 book, document or package sent out from said depart-
17 ment. A clerk may be employed who shall perform the
18 duties pertaining to said department under the direction
19 of the librarian.

SECT. 8. All Maine reports, Revised Statutes, Public
2 Laws and digests distributed by the librarian to the sev-
3 eral towns and public offices in said State, shall be plainly
4 marked upon the cover and upon the title page with the
5 following words: "The property of the State of Maine,
6 not to be sold," and shall have a registered number con-
7 forming to the list to be made by the librarian. Any
8 town, not retaining said volumes, shall not make any
9 requisition upon the State librarian for their replacement,
10 and shall forfeit all claim to be supplied with any further
11 State publications.

SECT. 9. The governor and council shall determine the
2 number of reports of each department that shall be pub-
3 lished, in all cases where the number is not fixed by law,
4 and shall also designate the style of binding thereof and
5 the number to be delivered to the heads of departments
6 for official exchanges and complimentary distribution.

SECT. 10. No book, document, pamphlet or report shall
2 be taken from the library at any time until the same has
3 been charged to the person or persons applying for the
4 same, and it shall be the duty of the superintendent of
5 public buildings and his assistants to see that no one is
6 admitted to the library rooms out of office hours or that
7 any book is taken therefrom, without the consent of the
8 librarian.

SECT. 11. The librarian shall employ one regular
2 assistant librarian, who shall receive a yearly salary of
3 five hundred dollars, and shall aid in performing the reg-
4 ular duties of the office, and such special work as the
5 librarian may direct. The State librarian shall receive a
6 salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum in full for

7 all services as librarian, and for any services connected
8 therewith, and section one of chapter one hundred and
9 fifteen of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter one
10 hundred and eighty-nine of the Public Laws of eighteen
11 hundred and eighty-nine is hereby amended by striking
12 out in line twenty-three, as amended aforesaid, the words
13 “one thousand” and inserting instead thereof the words ‘fif-
14 teen hundred,’ so that said line in said section as hereby
15 amended, shall read as follows: ‘State librarian, fifteen
16 hundred dollars in full for all services.’

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STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
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