

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 43.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to provide for the better Protection of Public
Records.

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

Section 1. In cities and towns of more than fifteen hun-
2 dred inhabitants, the municipal officers shall provide, at the
3 expense of their respective cities and towns, fire proof safes
4 or vaults of ample size for the reception and preservation of
5 all completed books of record and registry belonging to
6 such cities and towns; and upon the completion of each of
7 such books of record and registry, it shall be, by the clerk

8 of such city or town, deposited in such safe or vault and
9 there kept at all times, except when it is required for use.

Sect. 2. The clerks of all cities and towns shall, in the
2 month of December in each year, make a return to the
3 clerks of the supreme judicial courts in the several counties,
4 showing the number and nature of such books of record
5 and registry as are in their custody, and where they are
6 kept and deposited; said return shall also show where the
7 books of the municipal officers and treasurer are kept and
8 deposited.

Sect. 3. Any city or town which neglects to perform the
2 duties prescribed by section one of this act shall forfeit for
3 each month so neglecting, the sum of ten dollars, one-half
4 to the complainant and one-half to the county in which such
5 city or town is located.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect January first, eighteen
2 hundred and ninety-eight.



STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 3, 1897.

Reported by Mr. CLASON, from Committee on Legal Affairs, and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, Secretary.