

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 138.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT authorizing the establishment of Free Libraries in  
Villages and of Branch Libraries in Towns and Cities.

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

Section 1. Any incorporated village within this State  
2 located in a town where no free library exists, is hereby  
3 authorized and empowered to establish a library within its  
4 limits for the free use of all its inhabitants; and to levy and  
5 assess a corporate tax and to appropriate therefrom for the  
6 foundation and commencement of such library, a sum not  
7 exceeding two dollars, and for its maintenance and increase

8 annually a sum not exceeding one dollar per each ratable  
9 poll resident within such village corporate limits in the  
10 year next preceding. Such library so established and main-  
11 tained shall be entitled to receive from the State treasury,  
12 a sum equal to ten per cent. of the amount annually raised  
13 and appropriated by the village corporation therefor. Vil-  
14 lage libraries established under this act shall be subject to  
15 all the duties and entitled to all the privileges prescribed  
16 by the laws relating to free public libraries in towns.

Sect. 2. Any town in which there is a free public library  
2 is hereby authorized to establish and maintain under the  
3 same general management and control such branches of  
4 the same as the convenience and wants of the citizens of  
5 said town seem to demand.



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 5, 1897.

Reported by **Mr. ROBERTS**, from Committee on Library, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

**KENDALL M. DUNBAR**, *Secretary*.