

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventieth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 94

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND ONE.

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RESOLVE in favor of the Maine State Library.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of three thousand and nine hundred  
2 and twenty-five dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the  
3 use of the Maine state library for the year 1901 and that a  
4 like sum be and is hereby appropriated for the year 1902,  
5 the same to be expended yearly for the following purposes:  
6 For subscriptions, periodicals, works of law, art and history,  
7 one thousand six hundred and forty dollars; for bibliog-  
8 raphy, maps, directories, genealogies, etc., four hundred dol-  
9 lars; for additions, Scotch, English, Irish, American and  
10 Canadian laws, reports and periodicals, one thousand two  
11 hundred and thirty-five dollars; for labor, typewriting,  
12 indexing and material, five hundred and fifty dollars; for  
13 incidental expenses, one hundred dollars.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Maine state library has a regular appropriation of one thousand dollars a year. This sum is not one-half of the amount necessary to keep up the annual subscriptions of the library, provided no additions whatever were made in filling up broken sets, or purchasing new sets of historical, scientific or legal matter. It will be readily seen that the proper administration of the library and its growth and expansion to meet the demands of the public, require a special appropriation at every meeting of the legislature. The constantly increasing call for local and family histories demands a larger outlay than for the past year in this department. The lack of room in the present library requires the employment of labor and material in the construction of shelving to accommodate the increase in books and papers. The increased work in the library will also require the employment of temporary labor at times when the regular assistant and librarian are unable to efficiently perform all of the work demanded and to render the library at all times efficient and to answer the demands thereon. The frequent requests for aid, advice and assistance in the formation of free libraries render it necessary that a small sum should be set apart to pay the expenses of visiting them. The presence of a representative of the library at the national convention of librarians is also of the utmost importance to the library interests of the state and is doubly paid for the outlay by the increased number of books and other material that is sent to the library by those who meet and become acquainted at those gatherings.

Hereto is attached a very careful statement and estimate of the wants of the library for the next two years. If there is any error in this estimate, it will be found to be too low to meet the wants of the citizens of Maine who are constantly increasing the patronage and use of the library.

## Yearly subscriptions:

Newspapers of Maine.....	\$75 00	
American magazines.....	225 00	
Foreign magazines.....	85 00	
Law magazines.....	105 00	
Law books, laws, statutes, etc.....	850 00	
Art, literature and science.....	300 00	
Bibliography, directories, histories and genealogies.....	400 00	\$2,040 00

## Yearly additions to complete sets:

Laws, statutes and digests.....	300 00	
American and special reports.....	378 00	
Canadian reports and magazines.....	187 00	
Irish and Scotch reports.....	500 00	
History, literature and biography....	800 00	
Labor, typewriting, copying, etc.....	450 00	
Material, shelving, etc.....	100 00	
Incidental expenses.....	100 00	
Session laws of Massachusetts to com- plete sets.....	70 00	2,875 00

Total .....		<u>\$4,925 00</u>
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STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 7, 1901. }

Reported by Mr. DUNN of Orono, from Committee on Library,  
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*