

Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 441

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to the duties and compensation of the reporter of decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court.

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

Section 1. Sections sixty and sixty-one of chapter sev-2 enty-seven of the Revised Statutes are hereby repealed.

Sect. 2. The reporter of decisions shall, by his personal at-2 tendance when practicable, or by the best other means in his 3 power, prepare correct reports of all legal questions argued, 4 reporting the cases more or less at large according to his 5 judgment of their importance. He shall publish at least one 6 volume yearly, and furnish the usual number of current 7 copies to the state and to the public at a price of one dollar 8 and seventy-five cents per volume. The volumes shall be of 9 the average size of volume 83, Maine reports, and be equal 10 thereto in paper, printing, binding, general finish and quan-11 tity of printed matter.

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Sect. 3. Each volume of said reports shall be entered by 2 the secretary of state with the librarian of congress and 3 copyrighted in the name of the state of Maine, and the 4 manuscript and copyright thereof shall belong to the state. 5 All profits arising from the publication and sale of said re-6 ports and advance sheets thereof by said reporter shall be 7 accounted for and paid over by him to the state treasurer 8 on the first Monday in December in each year.

Sect. 4. After ceasing to hold office the reporter shall 2 prepare and publish all unpublished cases argued while in 3 office.

Sect. 5. It shall be the duty of the reporter to furnish free 2 of charge the judges of the supreme and superior courts 3 with one copy each of advance sheets; he shall also be en-4 titled to twenty-five copies, free of expense, for current ex-5 changes with the reporters of other states, law school li-6 braries, the attorney-general and heads of departments.

Sect. 6. So much of section one, chapter one hundred and 2 fifteen of the Revised Statutes as relates to the reporter of 3 decisions, is hereby repealed.

Sect. 7. The reporter of decisions shall receive an annual 2 salary from the treasurer of state in quarterly payments on 3 the first days of January, April, July and October, of two 4 thousand five hundred dollars.

Sect. 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 15, 1901.

Reported by Mr. POWERS of Fort Fairfield, from Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, Clerk.