

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 476

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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RESOLVE, in favor of the Maine State Library.

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*Resolved,* That the sum of four thousand and eight hundred  
2 and sixty-two dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the  
3 use of the Maine State Library for the year nineteen hundred  
4 and three, and that a like sum be and is hereby appropriated  
5 for the year nineteen hundred and four, the same to be ex-  
6 pended yearly for the following purposes: for current sub-  
7 scriptions, to works of history, biography, magazines, news-  
8 papers and to art, medical and scientific works, one thousand  
9 and five hundred dollars; for typewriting, telephone service,  
10 catalogue cards and contingent expenses, six hundred and  
11 twenty-five dollars; for purchase of digests and Revised  
12 Statutes, as issued, two hundred and fifty-three dollars; for  
13 the purchase of decisions of inferior courts and session laws,  
14 four hundred and eighty-four dollars; for text-books, advance  
15 sheets and reports, law magazines and odd numbers of Maine  
16 reports, one thousand dollars; to the purchase of new Ameri-  
17 can reports, three hundred dollars; to the purchase of foreign  
18 reports, statutes and digests, seven hundred dollars.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Maine State Library has a regular appropriation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000 00) a year. This sum is not one-half 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, requires a special appropriation at every meeting of the legislature. The constantly increasing calls for local histories, family histories and genealogical works demand a larger outlay than for the past year, in this department.

The increasing work in the library will also require the employment of a stenographer and typewriter from time to time to assist the librarian in making up lists, indexes and notes necessary to the efficiency of the library work. Frequent requests for advice, aid 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 representative at the national conventions of libraries is also of the utmost importance to the library interests of the state, and it is doubly paid for by the increasing number of books and other material that is sent free to our library or in exchange, by those who meet and become acquainted at these gatherings.

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

Law Department.	1903	1904
For purchase of digests published in 1901-2 and now wanting . . . . .	\$180 00	
For purchase of digests to be published in 1903-4. and not procurable by exchange . . . . .		\$180 00
Revised Statutes published in 1901-2 and		

not procurable by exchange . . . . .	73 00	
Revised Statutes to be issued in 1903-4 and not procurable by exchange . . . . .		73 00
Missing law reports and current subscrip- tions to special reports as Electrical, Negligence, Corporations, Railroads, Surrogate, Criminal, American and minor court reports . . . . .	350 00	350 00
Session laws of New Hampshire and Ver- mont . . . . .	134 00	134 00
Text-books and advance sheets of reports,	300 00	300 00
Subscriptions to law magazines . . . . .	200 00	200 00
Odd numbers Maine Reports, Digests and Statutes . . . . .	500 00	500 00
To complete and continue Patent Office Cases and Gazette, Contested Election Cases, Morrison's Mining Reports, American Bankruptcy, full set, Reports Colorado Appeals, 1 vol., Indian Terri- tory Reports, 1 vol., Ohio Superior Court Reports, Oklahoma Reports, vol. 5, Omitted Cases Tennessee, Russell's Nova Scotia . . . . .	300 00	300 00
Australia, Van Diemen's Land, New South Wales, Porto Rico, Philippines, Law Statutes Reports and Digests . . . .	700 00	700 00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$2,737 00</u>	<u>\$2,737 00</u>
	1903	1904
Purchase of general works on history, biography, science, literature, religion, sociology, and reference books . . . . .	\$500 00	\$500 00
Purchase of local and town histories of Maine and Massachusetts, family his- tories, biographies of Maine men, and genealogies . . . . .	500 00	500 00
Current subscriptions to historical works (These comprise subscription to Victo- rian History of England, 8 volumes of which have already been delivered) . . .	750 00	750 00

Current subscriptions to magazines. . . . .	350 00	350 00
Current subscriptions to newspapers. . . . .	100 00	100 00
Current subscriptions to art, medical and scientific works . . . . .	300 00	300 00
Typewriting lists, reports, etc.; Card cases, binders, and other material. . . . .	200 00	200 00
Telephone service, local and long distance,	50 00	50 00
Contingent expenses . . . . .	200 00	200 00
Blank catalogue cards, and cards issued by Library of Congress . . . . .	175 00	175 00
General Literature	Total . . . . .	\$3125 00 \$3125 00
Law . . . . .	2737 00	2737 00
Total . . . . .	\$5862 00	\$5862 00
Less regular appropriation. . . . .	1000 00	1000 00
Amount asked for by Special appropria- tion . . . . .	\$4862 00	\$4862 00

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## STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 19, 1903.

Reported by Mr. SWETT of Portland, from Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk*.