

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 198

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to provide for the preservation of town records of births, marriages and deaths previous to the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two.

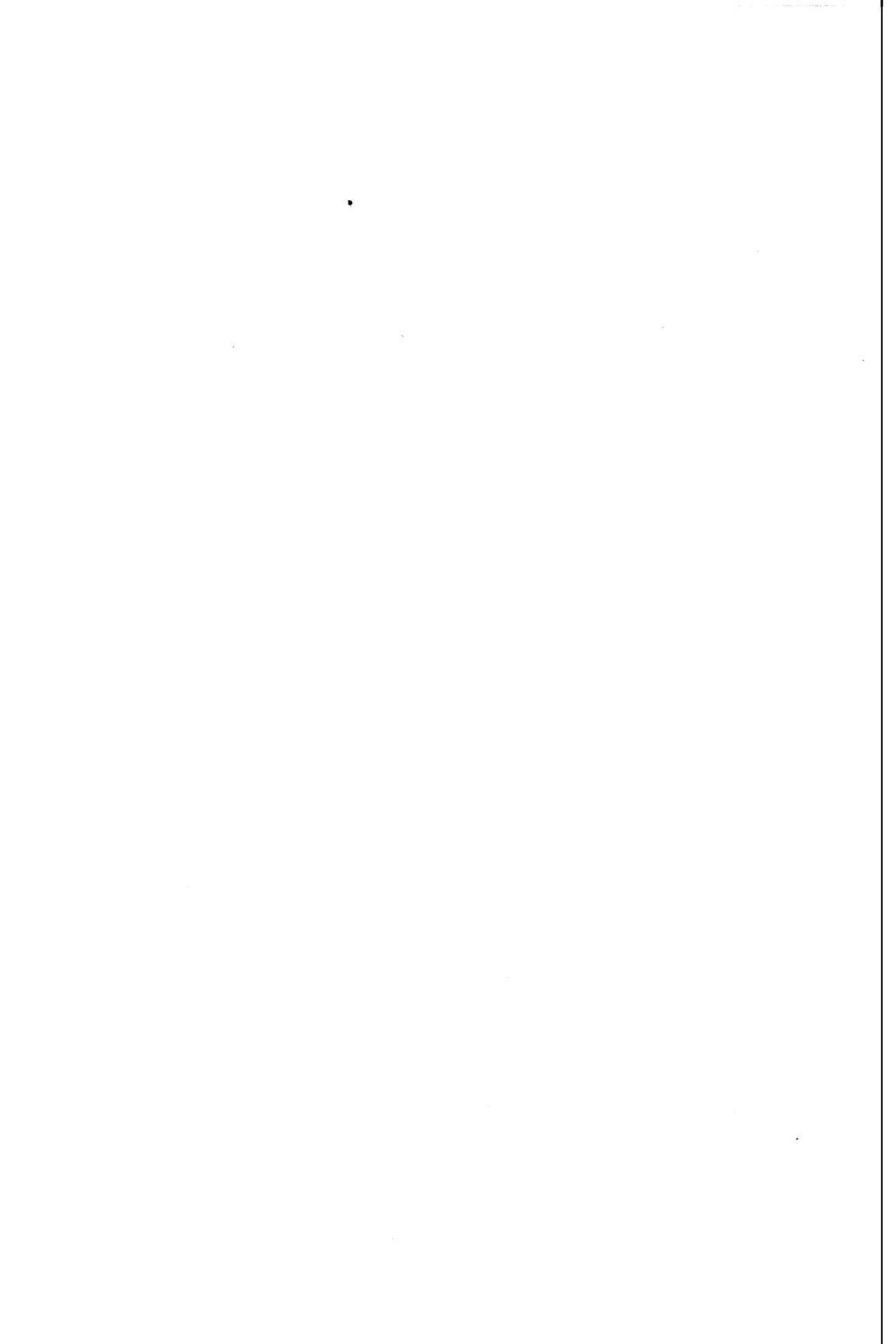
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. Whenever the record of the births, marriages  
2 and deaths, previous to the year eighteen hundred and ninety-  
3 two, beginning at the very earliest date, of any town in this  
4 State, shall be collected from church records, church regis-  
5 ters, records of clergymen, family bibles, public records and  
6 other available sources, and shall be printed and verified in  
7 the manner required by the standing committee of the Maine  
8 Historical Society, under the editorship of some person

9 selected by said committee, whose services shall be rendered  
10 free and without any compensation, and the work shall  
11 appear to them to have been prepared with accuracy, the  
12 secretary of State shall purchase five hundred copies of such  
13 record at a price not exceeding one cent per page; provided,  
14 that the written copies of the town records shall become the  
15 property of the State, and shall be deposited in the office of  
16 the State registrar of vital statistics; and provided, further,  
17 that not more than five hundred dollars shall be expended by  
18 authority of this act in any one year.

Sect. 2. The volumes purchased, as aforesaid shall be dis-  
2 tributed by the State registrar aforesaid as follows: one  
3 copy to the office of the secretary of State; one copy to the  
4 State librarian; one copy to the free public library of each  
5 town and city of the State; one copy to each State and terri-  
6 torial library in the United States; one copy to the library of  
7 Congress; one copy to each incorporated historical society  
8 in the State; one copy to the library of each college in the  
9 State; and one copy to each registry of deeds. The  
10 remainder shall be placed in the State library for the purpose  
11 of exchange.



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 12, 1903.

Reported by Mr. GUERNSEY from Committee on the Judiciary, and  
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.