

SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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No. 332

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend an act authorizing a topographic survey of the State.

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

Section 1. The commission directed with the execution of 2 this work shall hereafter be known as the State Survey Com-3 mission, the chairman of which shall be the State 4 geologist, and shall include in its work the topographic, 5 hydrographic and geological surveys of the State as provided 6 by acts and resolves of preceding legislatures.

Sect. 2. Said commission is authorized to distribute with-2 out charge, for the use of public libraries, and for other edu-3 cational purposes, such maps and reports relating to the work 4 of the commission as may become available.

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Sect. 3. Said commission shall make report, biennially, to 2 the governor and council, showing work accomplished, 3 together with a detailed account of expenditures, and shall 4 be authorized to print and distribute, from time to time, such 5 reports and bulletins as may, in the judgment of said com-6 missioners, be immediately useful and profitable to the people 7 of the State, the expense thereof to be chargeable to, and 8 paid out of, the appropriation herein made.

Sect. 4. Said commission shall be reimbursed for all neces-2 sary expenses as approved by the governor and council, and, 3 in addition, the chairman shall be paid an annual salary of 4 six hundred dollars and the remaining members of the com-5 mission, each three hundred dollars, annually.

Sect. 5. It is further provided that there shall be and 2 hereby is appropriated for the work of said commission, 3 including all expenses, the sum of ten thousand dollars for 4 the year 1905 and a like sum for the year 1906.

Sect. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith 2 are hereby repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The original act provided for a topographic survey of the State. The legislature of 1903 extended the scope so as to include hydrographic and geological surveys.

Under the very favorable arrangement which the commissioners were able to make with the general government much more has been accomplished than was expected, as indicated in the report submitted to the governor and council and laid before the legislature.

The constant demands made upon the commission and the excellent results obtained in the prosecution of the work fully justify the judgment of those who authorized the survey, in the beginning, and of the succeeding legislatures which have given it such cordial support.

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House of Representatives, Augusta, March 2, 1905.

Reported by Mr. KINSMAN from Committee on Mines and Mining and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, Clerk.