

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 211

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to advertising hearings before legislative
committees.

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

Section 1. Hearings before legislative committees shall be
2 advertised only as provided herein.

Sect. 2. In October, 1906, and biennially in October
2 thereafter, the secretary of State shall receive such sealed
3 bids as the publishers of daily newspapers published in the
4 State may make, for advertising hearings before legislative
5 committees of the incoming legislature, and shall place
6 such bids before the governor and council at their regular
7 meeting next following, when said bids shall be publicly
8 opened, and the governor and council may contract with
9 one of such bidders for advertising under this act.

Sect. 3. Such bids shall be for furnishing, during the session or sessions of the incoming legislature, the following:

1. To the secretary of State, for the use of members of such legislature and the State departments, three hundred copies of each issue of the newspaper containing such advertisements, within sixteen hours after its publication, and said three hundred copies shall in every case be accompanied with six hundred bulletins containing such notices only, in form satisfactory to the governor and council.

2. The sending by mail upon the date of such publication, postage paid, a copy of such newspaper to any citizen who shall apply and pay in advance the sum of one dollar therefor.

Sect. 4. The advertisements herein provided for shall be published in each issue of such newspaper after their receipt by the publisher, to and including the day set for hearing; they shall be uniformly printed in type not larger than nonpareil, set solid, and without display either in the headings or in the body of the advertisements.

Sect. 5. When an assignment for a hearing is made by a legislative committee, it shall be the duty of its secretary to forthwith transmit to the secretary of State a notice giving the subject, time and place of hearing, upon a blank form to be furnished by the secretary of State.

Sect. 6. It shall be the duty of the secretary of State,

1. To transmit to the publisher of the newspaper with whom such contract is made, copies of the notices received by him under section 4, and keep a strict account thereof.

2. To cause to be posted in six conspicuous places in the State House, copies of the bulletins described in section 3, immediately upon receiving them.

3. To audit the accounts for advertising said hearings, and report the same to the governor and council for their approval.

11 4. To furnish blank forms, approved by the governor and
12 council, to the several legislative committees, for the notices
13 for their hearings.

Sect. 7. If satisfactory bids are not received under sec-
2 tion 2 of this act, the governor and council may make such
3 other arrangements for the advertising of such hearings as
4 they shall deem to be for the best interests of the State.

Sect. 8. The expense of the advertising provided for
2 herein shall be paid from the appropriation for printing.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 10, 1905.

Reported by Mr. SHAW from the Joint Select Committee appointed to consider the matter of advertising legislative hearings, and pending acceptance of the report, "ought to pass," laid on table to be printed, on motion by the same Senator.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.