

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 415

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT amendatory of sections sixty-seven and sixty-eight of
chapter seventy-nine of the revised statutes relating to the
reporter of decisions.

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

Section 1. Section sixty-seven of chapter seventy-nine of
2 the Revised Statutes is hereby amended so that said section
3 sixty-seven as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 67. The reporter of decisions shall, by his personal
5 attendance at law court when practicable, or by the best
6 other means in his power, prepare correct reports of all legal
7 questions argued and decided, reporting cases more or less

8 at large according to his judgment of their importance. He
9 shall publish at least one volume yearly, provided he has
10 material enough to make a volume of the size required by
11 this section, and furnish the usual number of current copies
12 to the state and to the public at the price ou one dollar and
13 seventy-five cents a volume. Each volume shall be of the
14 average size of volume eighty-three. Maine reports, and
15 be equal thereto in paper, printing, binding, general finish
16 and quantity of printed matter. The reporter may, from
17 time to time, as he sees fit, make a written contract in his
18 own name with any person, firm or corporation for the
19 printing, publishing and binding of said reports and shall
20 require such person, firm or corporation to give a good and
21 sufficient bond with good and sufficient sureties, conditioned
22 for the faithful performance of all the terms and conditions
23 of such contract by the person, firm or corporation with
24 whom the reporter makes such contract. In case of a
25 breach of any or all the conditions of such bond, the reporter
26 may maintain an action on such bond in his own name.'

Sect. 2. Section sixty-eight of chapter seventy-nine of the
2 Revised Statutes is hereby amended so that said section
3 sixty-eight as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 68. Each volume of said reports shall be entered
5 by the secretary of state with the librarian of congress, and
6 copyrighted in the name of the State of Maine, and the man-
7 uscript and copyright thereof shall belong to the state. All
8 profits arising from the publication and sale of said reports

9 and advance sheets thereof received by said reporter, except
10 as hereinafter provided, shall be accounted for and paid
11 over by him to the treasurer of state on the first Monday
12 in December in each year. But the reporter may retain
13 out of said profits received by him the sum of four hundred
14 dollars, each year, commencing January one, nineteen hun-
15 dred and seven, for clerk hire, stationery, postage, express-
16 age and incidental expenses. At the expiration of his term
17 of office, all the official duties of the reporter shall cease,
18 and he shall turn over and deliver to his successor all unpub-
19 lished cases in his hands, and shall also assign and transfer
20 to his successor any contract and bond he then may have
21 relating to a volume not then completed or commenced.
22 And such successor's rights in and under such contract and
23 bond shall be the same as though he had originally made the
24 contract and taken the bond.'

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, March 8, 1907.

Reported by Mr. WEEKS from Committee on Judiciary, and ordered
printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*