

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 490

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to encourage the compiling and teaching of local
history and local geography in the public schools.

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

Section 1. The governor, with the advice and consent of
2 the council, shall appoint a state historian, who shall be a
3 member of the Maine Historical Society and whose duty it
4 shall be to compile historical data of the state of Maine and
5 encourage the teaching of the same in the public schools. It
6 shall also be his duty to encourage the compiling and publish-
7 ing of town histories, combined with local geography. It
8 shall further be his duty to examine, and when he decides

9 that the material is suitable, approve histories of towns com-
10 piled as provided in section two of this act.

Sect. 2. Whenever any town shall present to the State
2 historian material which he considers suitable for publication,
3 as a history of the town presenting the same, then he may
4 approve of the publication of a history with the local geog-
5 raphy which will be suitable for the use in the grammar and
6 high school grades of the public schools.

Sect. 3. Whenever material for a town history with local
2 geography has been approved by the state historian, and the
3 same has been published by the town, and provision has been
4 made for its regular use in the public schools of said town;
5 then the state treasurer shall pay the town so publishing a
6 sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars, provided
7 that the state shall not pay to any town, to exceed one-half
8 the amount paid by said town for printing and binding said
9 histories.

Sect. 4. The superintending school committee, and the
2 superintendent of schools, shall elect some citizen of the town
3 to serve with them; and these persons shall constitute a
4 board to compile a history and the local geography of the
5 town in which they reside. Two or more towns may unite
6 in compiling and publishing a history and the local geog-
7 raphy of the towns forming the union. It shall be the duty
8 of the superintendent of schools to forward two copies of
9 said history to the Maine state library and notify the super-
10 intendent of public schools of the title of said history.

Sect. 5. All the actual cash expenses of the said state
2 historian incurred while in the discharge of his official duties
3 shall be paid on the approval and order of the governor and
4 council, and shall not exceed five hundred dollars per annum.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 9, 1907.

Reported by Mr. KENDALL from Committee on Education, and
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*