

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 109

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to consolidate and revise the laws relating to State
Printing and Binding.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. The number of copies of the following named
2 reports to be printed hereafter at the expense of the State
3 shall be determined by the governor and council but shall not
4 exceed the following numbers:

The report of the commissioner of agriculture, six thousand
6 copies annually; the report of the bank examiner, two thou-
7 sand copies; the report of the commissioner of the bureau of
8 labor and industrial statistics, four thousand copies; the re-
9 port of the officers and trustees of the State School for Boys,
10 fifteen hundred copies annually; the report of the Industrial

11 School for Girls, fifteen hundred copies annually; the report
12 of the officers and trustees of the State prison, fifteen hun-
13 dred copies annually; the report of the commissioners on the
14 contagious diseases of animals, two thousand five hundred
15 copies annually; the report of the University of Maine, fifteen
16 hundred copies annually; the report of the Maine Agricul-
17 tural Experiment Station, one thousand copies annually; the
18 report of the registrar of vital statistics, two thousand copies
19 annually; the report of the insurance commissioner, two
20 thousand five hundred copies annually; the report of the rail-
21 road commissioners, two thousand copies annually; the re-
22 port of the State superintendent of public schools, four thou-
23 sand copies on each legislative year, and three thousand five
24 hundred copies on the alternate year; the report of the treas-
25 urer of the State, three thousand copies on each legislative
26 year, and twenty-five hundred copies on the alternate year;
27 the report of the trustees and officers of the insane hospitals,
28 two thousand five hundred copies on each legislative year, and
29 two thousand copies on the alternate year; the report of the
30 board of State assessors, four thousand copies on each legis-
31 lative year, and three thousand copies on the alternate year;
32 the report of the attorney general, one thousand copies bien-
33 nially; the report of the land agent and forest commissioner,
34 three thousand copies biennially; the report of the commis-
35 sioners of inland fisheries and game, three thousand copies
36 annually; the report of the commissioner of sea and shore
37 fisheries, two thousand copies biennially, the report of the

38 State board of health, forty-five hundred copies biennially ;
39 the report of the adjutant general, twelve hundred copies an-
40 nually ; the report of the librarian of the Maine State library,
41 one thousand copies biennially ; the report of the Bath Mili-
42 tary and Naval Orphan Asylum, one thousand copies bien-
43 nially. Of the above named reports seventy-five copies may
44 be retained by the binder for public documents, and at least
45 six hundred and seventy-five copies shall be delivered to the
46 State librarian, by the binder, for exchange, library use and
47 general distribution, and the balance of the number of each
48 report shall be delivered to the head of the department or in-
49 stitution where it originated and was prepared for publica-
50 tion.

Sect. 2. The reports, catalogues and compilations of all
2 State departments, bureaus, commissions and institutions,
3 other than as enumerated in the preceding section, may be
4 printed and bound, but the number and the styles in which
5 the same shall be so printed and bound, at the expense of the
6 State, shall be determined from time to time by the governor
7 and council who shall also fix the number of the same which
8 shall be delivered from the bindery or printing office to the
9 librarian of the State library.

Sect. 3. Each State department, institution, commission
2 and board of trustees may have printed at the expense of the
3 State, bulletins and circular letters of inquiry and informa-
4 tion, blank books, blanks and stationery required for the con-
5 duct of the business of the department at such times and in

6 such numbers as the officer in charge thereof may consider
7 necessary, such requisition for printing to be subject to the
8 approval of the governor and council.

Except as hereinbefore provided, no reports, catalogues or
10 compilations shall be printed, stitched or bound by any de-
11 partment, bureau, commission or institution of the State, at
12 the expense of the State, unless by virtue of special legisla-
13 tive provision therefor.

Sect. 4. The governor and council are hereby authorized
2 to contract, in behalf of the State, on the basis of competitive
3 bids, for the printing of the reports, catalogues, compilations,
4 bulletins and circulars, authorized to be printed under the
5 foregoing sections and for all other miscellaneous printing,
6 now or hereafter authorized by law, for each department of
7 the State government, including the legislative printing, but
8 excepting the printing of reports of decisions. They may,
9 in their discretion, call for bids, and contract separately, for
10 distinct portions of the State printing but may reject any and
11 all bids which they do not deem it in the interest of the State
12 to accept, and may take such security as they deem neces-
13 sary, if any, for the faithful performance of any contract
14 hereunder. No such contract shall be for a longer time
15 than two years.

Sect. 5. The governor and council may, in their discretion,
2 contract from time to time, on the basis of competitive bids,
3 for the making or delivery of the paper stock, engravings,
4 electrotypes, dies, lithograph or other plates required in the

5 execution of the State printing. No such contract shall be
6 for a longer time than two years.

Sect. 6. The governor and council are hereby authorized
2 to contract, in behalf of the State, on the basis of competitive
3 bids, for all the folding, stitching, ruling and binding for
4 every department of the State government, for which the
5 State is held to pay, except the revised statutes and reports
6 of decisions of the supreme judicial court. They may, in
7 their discretion, call for bids, and contract separately, for dis-
8 tinct portions of the State binding, but may reject any and all
9 bids which they do not deem it in the interest of the State to
10 accept, and may take such security as they deem necessary, if
11 any, for the faithful performance of any contract hereunder.
12 No such contract shall be for a longer time than two years.

Sect. 7. To carry out the provisions of this act, the gover-
2 nor, by and with the advice and consent of the council, shall
3 appoint a superintendent of public printing, to serve during
4 their pleasure; he shall be an experienced practical printer.
5 He shall have an office at the seat of government properly
6 provided with necessary furniture, equipment and stationery,
7 and such clerical assistance as the governor and council may
8 deem necessary. He shall receive an annual salary of fifteen
9 hundred dollars, and in addition thereto such actual expenses
10 as he may personally incur in the execution of the duties of
11 his office.

Sect. 8. All State departments, institutions, commissions
2 and boards of trustees requiring printing or bindery work for
3 which the State is properly holden to pay out of any public

4 moneys, shall make requisition for the same to the governor
5 and council through the superintendent of public printing,
6 who shall superintend the execution of all orders granted by
7 the governor and council upon such requisitions, and ex-
8 amine, correct and approve all bills rendered against the
9 State on account of such orders, and perform such other du-
10 ties as the governor and council may direct. He shall keep a
11 correct record of the expenditures hereunder of the several
12 departments, institutions, commissions and boards of trus-
13 tees through his office, and the same shall always be available
14 for public inspection. He shall also report to the governor
15 and council annually in detail the description, quantity and
16 cost of each item of expenditure through his office, together
17 with the expense of conducting the business of his office.

Sect. 9. No contract authorized by this act shall be award-
2 ed to a printing office or bindery in which the superintendent
3 of public printing is owner, partner, stockholder, director,
4 manager or agent, or otherwise financially interested.

Sect. 10. Sections twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six and
2 thirty-one of chapter three of the revised statutes; chapters
3 fifty-two, one hundred thirty-eight and one hundred fifty-five
4 of the public laws of nineteen hundred and five; chapters
5 thirty-two and one hundred seventy-six of the public laws of
6 nineteen hundred and seven, and all other acts and parts of
7 acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

Sect. 11. This act shall take effect July one, nineteen hun-
2 dred and nine.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 9, 1909.

Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. DAVIES of
Yarmouth and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*