

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 546

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
4 not exceed the following numbers: The report of the com-
5 missioner of agriculture, six thousand copies annually; the
6 report of the bank examiner, two thousand copies; the re-
7 port of the commissioner of the bureau of labor and indus-
8 trial statistics, four thousand copies; the report of the offi-
9 cers and trustees of the State School for Boys, fifteen hun-
10 dred copies annually; the report of the Industrial School

11 for Girls, fifteen hundred copies annually; the report of the
12 inspectors of prisons and jails, fifteen hundred copies an-
13 nually; the report of the commissioners on the contagious
14 diseases of animals, two thousand five hundred copies an-
15 nually; the report of the University of Maine, fifteen hun-
16 dred copies annually; the report of the Maine Agricultural
17 Experiment Station, one thousand copies annually; the re-
18 port 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
21 railroad commissioners, two thousand copies annually; the
22 report of the State superintendent of public schools, four
23 thousand copies on each legislative year, and three thousand
24 five hundred copies on the alternate year; the report of the
25 treasurer of the State, three thousand copies on each legis-
26 lative year, and twenty-five hundred copies on the alternate
27 year; the report of the trustees and officers of the insane
28 hospitals, two thousand five hundred copies on each legis-
29 lative year, and two thousand copies on the alternate year;
30 the report of the board of State assessors, four thousand
31 copies on each legislative year, and three thousand copies on
32 the alternate year; the report of the attorney general, one
33 thousand copies biennially; the report of the land agent and
34 forest commissioner, three thousand copies biennially; the
35 report of the commissioners of inland fisheries and game,
36 three thousand copies annually; the report of the commis-
37 sioner of sea and shore fisheries, two thousand copies bien-

38 nially; the report of the State board of health, forty-five
39 hundred copies biennially; the report of the adjutant general,
40 twelve hundred copies annually; the report of the librarian
41 of the Maine State library, one thousand copies biennially;
42 the report of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum,
43 one thousand copies biennially. Of the above named re-
44 ports seventy-five copies may be retained by the binder for
45 public documents, and at least six hundred and seventy-five
46 copies shall be delivered to the State librarian, by the bind-
47 er, for exchange, library use and general distribution, and
48 the balance of the number of each report shall be delivered
49 to the head of the department or institution where it orig-
50 inated and was prepared for publication.

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
6 the State, shall be determined from time to time by the gov-
7 ernor and council who shall also fix the number of the same
8 which shall be delivered from the bindery or printing office
9 to the 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
5 conduct of the business of the department at such times and

6 in such numbers as the officer in charge thereof may con-
7 sider necessary, such requisition for printing to be subject
8 to the 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,
12 at the expense of the State, unless by virtue of special legis-
13 lative provision therefor.

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

Sect. 5. The governor and council may, in their discre-
2 tion, contract from time to time, on the basis of competitive
3 bids, for the making or delivery of the paper stock, engrav-
4 ings, electrotypes, dies, lithographs or other plates required

5 in the execution of the State printing. No such contract
6 shall be 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 competi-
3 tive 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
8 distinct portions of the State binding, but may reject any
9 and all bids which they do not deem it in the interest of the
10 State to accept, and may take such security as they deem
11 necessary, if any, for the faithful performance of any con-
12 tract hereunder. No such contract shall be for a longer
13 time than two years.

Sect. 7. To carry out the provisions of this act, the gov-
2 ernor, by and with the advice and consent of the council,
3 shall appoint a superintendent of public printing, to serve
4 during their pleasure; he shall be an experienced practical
5 printer. He shall have an office at the seat of government
6 properly provided with necessary furniture, equipment and
7 stationery, and such clerical assistance as the governor and
8 council may deem necessary. He shall receive an annual
9 salary of fifteen hundred dollars.

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

4 public moneys, shall make requisition for the same to the
5 governor and council through the superintendent of pub-
6 lic printing, who shall superintendent the execution of all
7 orders granted by the governor and council upon such req-
8 uisitions, and examine, correct and approve all bills rendered
9 against the State on account of such orders, and perform
10 such other duties as the governor and council may direct.
11 He shall keep a correct record of the expenditures hereunder
12 of the several departments, institutions, commissions and
13 boards of trustees through his office, and the same shall al-
14 ways be available for public inspection. He shall also re-
15 port to the Governor and council annually in detail the de-
16 scription, quantity and cost of each item of expenditure
17 through his office, together with the expense of conducting
18 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 superinten-
3 dent of public printing is owner, partner, stockholder, di-
4 rector, manager or agent, or otherwise financially interested.

Sect. 10. Sections twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six
2 and thirty-one of chapter three of the revised statutes; chap-
3 ters fifty-two, one hundred thirty-eight and one hundred
4 fifty-five of the public laws of nineteen hundred and five;
5 chapters thirty-two and one hundred seventy-six of the pub-
6 lic laws of nineteen hundred and seven, and all other acts

7 and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby re-
8 pealed.

Sect. II. This act shall take effect July one, nineteen
2 hundred and nine.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 11, 1909.

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Affairs and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*