

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 148

In Senate, March 1, 1911.

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ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. C. HANSON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section ten of Chapter three of the Revised
Statutes relating to the powers and duties of the Maine Li-
brary Commission.

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

Section 1. Section 10 of Chapter 3 of the Revised Statutes
2 of Maine is hereby amended by striking out the words "they
3 shall encourage the establishment of free public libraries" and
4 inserting in place thereof the words "the commission shall give
5 advice to, all school, state institutional free and public libra-
6 ries, and to all communities in the state which may propose
7 to establish libraries as to the best means of establishing and
8 administering them; selecting and cataloging books and other
9 details of library management; and may send any of its mem-
10 bers to aid in organizing such libraries or assist in the im-

11 provement of those already established. It may also receive
12 gifts of money, books, or other property which may be used
13 or held in trust for the purpose or purposes given. It may
14 publish lists and circulars of information, and may co-operate
15 with other state library commissions and libraries in the pub-
16 lication of documents, in order to secure the most economical
17 administration of the work for which it was formed. It may
18 conduct courses or schools of library instruction and hold
19 librarians' institutes in various parts of the state and co-oper-
20 ate with others in such schools or institutes. It shall,' and
21 by adding thereto, 'said commission shall perform such other
22 service in behalf of public libraries as it may consider for the
23 best interests of the state.' So that the whole shall read as
24 follows :

'Sect. 10. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the
26 council, shall appoint four persons as library commissioners
27 who shall hold their offices for a term of four years each.
28 Said commissioners shall serve without pay, the commission
29 shall give advice to all school, state institutional, free and
30 public libraries, and to all communities in the state which may
31 propose to establish libraries as to the best means of estab-
32 lishing and administering them; selecting and cataloging
33 books, and other details of library management; and may
34 send any of its members to aid in organizing such libraries
35 or assist in the improvement of those already established. It
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39 tion and may co-operate with other state library commissions
40 and libraries in the publication of documents in order to se-
41 cure the most economical administration of the work for
42 which it was formed. It may conduct courses or schools of
43 library instruction and hold librarians' institutes in various
44 parts of the state, and co-operate with others in such schools
45 or institutes. It shall select the books to be purchased for
46 traveling libraries and advise the librarian of the State Li-
47 brary in reference thereto. Said commission shall perform
48 such other service in behalf of public libraries as it may con-
49 sider for the best interests of the state.'