

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 224

House of Representatives, Feb. 17, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Towns.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. Millett of Belfast.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section one of Chapter two hundred and three of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and three, relating to the preservation of town records of births, marriages and deaths previous to the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two.

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

Section one of chapter two hundred and three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and three is hereby amended by striking out the words "five hundred" in the sixteenth line of said section and inserting in place thereof the words 'one thousand,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 1. Whenever the record of the births, marriages, 8 and deaths, previous to the year eighteen hundred and nine- 9 ty-two, beginning at the very earliest date, of any town in 10 this state, shall be collected from church records, church 11 registers, records of clergymen, family Bibles, public records 12 and other available sources, and shall be printed and veri- 13 fied in the manner required by the standing committee of 14 the Maine Historical Society, under the editorship of some 15 person selected by said committee, whose services shall be 16 rendered free and without any compensation, and the work 17 shall appear to them to have been prepared with accuracy, 18 the secretary of state shall purchase five hundred copies of 19 such record at a price not exceeding one cent per page; pro- 20 vided, that the written copies of the town records shall be- 21 come the property of the state, and shall be deposited in 22 the office of the state registrar of vital statistics; and pro- 23 vided, further, that not more than one thousand dollars 24 shall be expended by authority of this act in any one year.'