

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 515

House of Representatives, March 4, 1915.

*Reported by Mr. Wheeler from Committee on Towns, and
ordered printed under joint rules.*

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

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 verified
13 in the manner required by the standing committee of the
14 Maine Historical Society, under the editorship of some per-
15 son selected by said committee, whose services shall be ren-
16 dered 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
19 of such record at a price not exceeding one cent per page;
20 provided, that the written copies of the town records shall
21 become 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 shall
24 be expended by authority of this act in any one year.’