

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE NO. 135

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*In Senate, Feb. 18, 1915.*

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

*Committee on Reference.*

*Presented by Mr. Swift of Kennebec.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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

Section I. 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 commissioner, two thousand copies an-  
7 nually; the report of the commissioner of the department  
8 of labor and industry, four thousand copies biennially; the  
9 report of the trustees of juvenile institutions, fifteen hun-  
10 dred copies annually; the report of the warden and in-

11 spectors of state prison and jails, fifteen hundred copies  
12 annually; the report of the University of Maine, fifteen hun-  
13 dred copies annually; the report of the Maine Agricultural  
14 Experiment Station, one thousand copies annually; the re-  
15 port of the registrar of vital statistics, two thousand copies  
16 annually; the report of the insurance commissioner, two  
17 thousand five hundred copies annually; the report of the  
18 public utilities commission, two thousand copies annually;  
19 the report of the state superintendent of public schools, four  
20 thousand copies on each legislative year, and three thou-  
21 sand five hundred copies on the alternate year; the report  
22 of the treasurer of the state, three thousand copies on each  
23 legislative year, and twenty-five hundred copies on the alter-  
24 nate year; the report of the trustees and officers of the  
25 state hospitals, two thousand copies on each legislative year,  
26 and one thousand five hundred copies on the alternate year;  
27 the report of the board of state assessors, four thousand  
28 copies on each legislative year, and three thousand copies  
29 on the alternate year; the report of the attorney general,  
30 one thousand copies biennially; the report of the land agent  
31 and forest commissioner, three thousand copies biennially;  
32 the report of the commissioners of inland fisheries and game,  
33 three thousand copies annually; the report of the commis-  
34 sioner of sea and shore fisheries, two thousand copies bi-  
35 ennially; the report of the state board of health, forty-five  
36 hundred copies biennially; the report of the adjutant gen-  
37 eral, twelve hundred copies annually; the report of the

38 librarian of the Maine state library, one thousand copies  
39 biennially; the report of the Bath Military and Naval Or-  
40 phan Asylum, one thousand copies biennially. Of the above  
41 named reports seventy-five copies may be retained by the  
42 binder for public documents, and at least six hundred and  
43 seventy-five copies shall be delivered to the state librarian,  
44 by the binder, for exchange, library use and general dis-  
45 tribution, and the balance of the number of each report  
46 shall be delivered to the head of the department or insti-  
47 tution where it originated and was prepared for publication.

Sect. 2. The reports, catalogs and compilations of all state  
2 departments, commissions and institutions, other than as  
3 enumerated in the preceding section, may be printed and  
4 bound, but the number and the styles in which the same  
5 shall be so printed and bound, at the expense of the state,  
6 shall be determined from time to time by the governor and  
7 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 department, institution, commission and  
2 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, stationery and office supplies, re-  
5 quired for the conduct of the business of the department  
6 at such times and in such numbers as the officer in charge  
7 thereof may consider necessary, such requisition for print-  
8 ing to be subject to the approval of the governor and council.

Except as provided in this and the preceding section, no  
10 reports, catalogs or compilations shall be printed, stitched  
11 or bound by any department, commission or institution of  
12 the state, at the expense of the state, unless by virtue of  
13 special legislative provision therefor.

Sect. 4. The governor and council may contract, in be-  
2 half of the state, on the basis of competitive bids, for the  
3 printing of the reports, catalogs, compilations, bulletins and  
4 circulars, authorized to be printed under the three preced-  
5 ing sections and for all other miscellaneous printing, now  
6 or hereafter authorized by law, for each department of the  
7 state government, including the legislative printing. They  
8 may, in their discretion, call for bids, and contract sepa-  
9 rately, for distinct portions of the state printing or state  
10 binding but may reject any and all bids which they do not  
11 deem for the interest of the state to accept, and may take  
12 such security as they deem necessary for the faithful per-  
13 formance of any contract made under the authority of the  
14 three preceding sections. No such contract shall be for a  
15 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, en-  
4 gravings, electrotypes, dies, lithographs or other plates re-  
5 quired in the execution of the state printing. No such con-  
6 tract shall be for a longer time than two years.

Sect. 6. The governor and council may contract, in behalf of the state, on the basis of competitive bids, for all the folding, stitching, ruling and binding for every department of the state government, for which the state is held to pay. They may, in their discretion, call for bids, and contract separately, for distinct portions of the state binding, but may reject any and all bids which they do not deem it in the interest of the state to accept, and may take such security as they deem necessary, for the faithful performance of any contract made under the authority of the four preceding sections. No such contract shall be for a longer time than two years.

Sect. 7. To carry out the provisions of this act, the state auditor shall appoint a superintendent of public printing, whose appointment shall be approved by the governor and council. He shall be an experienced practical book and job printer with a working knowledge of the various grades, sizes and weights of paper stocks, type measurements, classes of composition and method of press work. He shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars.

Sect. 8. All state departments, institutions, commissions and boards of trustees requiring printing or bindery work for which the state is properly holden to pay out of any public moneys, shall make requisition for the same to the superintendent of public printing, who shall superintend the execution of all orders upon such requisitions, and examine, correct and approve all bills rendered against the state on

8 account of such orders. He shall keep a correct record of  
9 the expenditures hereunder of the several departments, in-  
10 stitutions, commissions and boards of trustees through the  
11 office of the state auditor, and the same shall always be  
12 available for public inspection. He shall also report to the  
13 governor and council annually in detail the description, quan-  
14 tity and cost of each item of expenditure relating to the  
15 state printing and binding.

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 and twenty-  
2 six of chapter three of the revised statutes; chapter fifty-  
3 two, one hundred thirty-eight and one hundred fifty-five of  
4 the public laws of nineteen hundred and five; chapters thirty-  
5 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.