

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 421

In Senate, March 23, 1915.

Reported by Sen. Cole from Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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 commissioner, two thousand copies an-
7 nually; the report of the commissioner of the department of
8 labor and industry, four thousand copies biennially; the re-
9 port of the trustees of Juvenile Institutions, fifteen hundred

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

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

Sect. 2. The reports, catalogs and compilations of all
2 State departments, commissions and institutions, other than
3 as enumerated in the preceding section, may be printed
4 and 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
9 the 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 coun-
9 cil.

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

Sect. 4. The governor and council may contract, in behalf
2 of the State, on the basis of competitive bids, for the print-
3 ing of the reports, catalogs, compilations, bulletins and cir-
4 culars, authorized to be printed under the three preceding
5 sections and for all other miscellaneous printing, now or
6 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 sep-
9 arately, for distinct portions of the State printing or
10 State binding, but may reject any and all bids which they
11 do not deem for the interest of the State to accept, and may
12 take such security as they deem necessary for the faithful
13 performance of any contract made under the authority of
14 the three preceding sections. No such contract shall be
15 for a longer time than two years.

Sect. 5. The governor and council, may in their discretion
2 contract from time to time, on the basis of competitive bids,
3 for the making or delivery of the paper stock, engravings,

4 electrotypes, dies, lithographs or other plates required in
5 the execution of the State printing. No such contract shall
6 be for a longer time than two years.

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

Sect. 7. To carry out the provisions of this act, the State
2 auditor shall appoint a superintendent of public printing,
3 whose appointment shall be approved by the governor and
4 council. He shall be an experienced practical book and job
5 printer with a working knowledge of the various grades,
6 sizes and weights of paper stocks, type measurements,
7 classes of composition and method of press work. He shall
8 receive an annual 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 pub-
4 lic moneys, shall make requisition for the same to the super-

5 intendent of public printing, who shall superintend the exe-
6 cution of all orders upon such requisitions, and examine,
7 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,
14 quantity 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-six
2 of chapter three of the revised statutes; chapter fifty-two,
3 one hundred thirty-eight and one hundred fifty-five of the
4 public laws of nineteen hundred and five; chapters thirty-
5 two and one hundred seventy-six of the public laws of nine-
6 teen hundred and seven, and all other acts and parts of
7 acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.