

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 410

House of Representatives, Feb. 27, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Library and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sisson of Island Falls.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Chapter 4, Sections 76, 78, 79, 80 and 81
of the Revised Statutes of 1916, relating to Free Public
Libraries.

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

Section 1. Chapter 4, section 76, of the Revised Statutes
2 of 1916, is hereby amended by striking out all of said sec-
3 tion after the word "town" in the fourth line thereof so
4 that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 76. Any town may raise and appropriate annually
2 a sum of money, not exceeding the legal limit established

3 for maintaining free libraries, for the purpose of securing
4 to its inhabitants the free use of a library located in an
5 adjoining town.'

Sect. 2. Chapter 4, section 78, is hereby amended by re-
2 pealing the whole of said section.

Sect. 3. Chapter 4, Section 79, is hereby amended by
2 striking out all of said section after the word "chapter" in
3 the eighth line thereof, so that said section as amended shall
4 read as follows:

'Sect. 79. Any town or city, in which there is a library
2 owned or controlled by a corporation or association, or by
3 trustees, may appropriate a sum not exceeding one dollar
4 for each of its ratable polls in the year next preceding to
5 procure from such library the free use of its books for all
6 the inhabitants of the town or city, under such restrictions
7 and regulations as shall insure the safety and good usage
8 of the books; and such library shall then be considered a
9 free public library within the meaning of this chapter.'

Sect. 4. Chapter 4, Section 80, is hereby amended by
2 striking out of said section all the words after the word
3 "list" in the eleventh line of said section and before the
4 word "of" in the twelfth line of said section and by striking
5 out all after the word "library" in the thirteenth line of
6 said section and before the word "and" in the sixteenth line
7 of said section, so that said section as amended shall read
8 as follows:

'Sect. 80. In every town and city where a free public

2 library exists, the librarian of the state library shall trans-
3 mit to such library all laws, Maine reports, and other docu-
4 ments which a town or city is by law entitled to receive
5 from the state, and the same shall be constantly kept in
6 such library for the use and benefit of all the citizens; and
7 the municipal officers of said town or city, shall transfer to
8 said library all the laws, Maine reports and other docu-
9 ments, heretofore received from the state, and now in the
10 custody of the officers of said town or city, and the officers
11 of said library, on or before the first day of April of each
12 year, shall send to the librarian of the state library a report
13 containing a list of all documents and books received from
14 the state in said library. And the same shall also be with-
15 held unless said report shall show that the laws, Maine re-
16 ports and other documents furnished to said town or city
17 by the state are kept in said library as required by this
18 section.'

Sect. 5. Chapter 4, Section 81, is hereby amended by
2 repealing the whole of said section.