

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 598

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*House of Representatives, March 16, 1917.*

*Printed under joint rules.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

*Presented by Mr. Sisson of Island Falls.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to Assistance to Towns in Establishing Free  
Public Libraries.

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

Section eighty-one of chapter four of the Revised Statutes  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the words "The Librarian  
3 shall donate from the state library," in the second line there-  
4 of, and by substituting in place thereof the words "The  
5 Maine Library Commission shall donate," so that said sec-  
6 tion as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 81. The Maine Library Commission shall donate to  
2 any town having no free public library owned or controlled

3 by the town, books purchased for that purpose, not exceed-  
4 ing fifty per cent in value of the books and documents pur-  
5 chased by said town for the purpose of founding a free pub-  
6 lic library therein; said donation in no case to exceed one  
7 hundred dollars. No town shall be entitled to the benefits  
8 of this provision, until its legal voters, at a regularly called  
9 town meeting, have raised and appropriated not less than  
10 one hundred dollars for the purchase of books, and have  
11 provided for the care, custody and distribution of its own  
12 books, and of those to be donated by the state.'