

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 40

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In Senate, February 9, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Thompson of Knox.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE

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AN ACT Relating to Law Libraries and Their Support.

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

Whenever the Bar or library association of any county  
2 (under whatever name it pass) shall have acquired com-  
3 plete reports of the court of last resort of not less than  
4 twenty states, said county shall in addition to the pay-  
5 ments now required by law to be made for the benefit of  
6 such library, pay for the maintenance or upkeep of all  
7 reports in such library, whether state, federal or foreign,  
8 and shall in addition pay for all insurance carried on said  
9 library, all bills for such upkeep or insurance, to be ap-  
10 proved by the librarian or other agent of the library and

11 audited by the county commissioners and paid from the  
12 county treasury as often as once in three months, provided  
13 however, that the Bar association of each county bene-  
14 fitted by the provisions of this act shall annually raise by  
15 assessment or otherwise, the sum of not less than one hun-  
16 dred dollars for the incidental expenses of such library or  
17 Bar association, so that no part of the funds paid by the  
18 county shall be diverted to any purpose aside from the pur-  
19 chase or upkeep of books for such library. The county in  
20 all cases to provide suitable shelves or stacks for said books.