

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, to Provide for a Revision of the Statutes.

Resolved that the governor by and with the advice and con-
2 sent of the council, shall appoint a commissioner, learned
3 in the law, whose duty it shall be to revise, collate, arrange
4 and consolidate all the general and public laws now in force
5 and such as shall be enacted at the present session of the
6 legislature, preserving the general order and arrangement
7 of the revised statutes of nineteen hundred sixteen, retaining
8 the phraseology thereof, except so far as may be necessary
9 to vary it by incorporating existing laws therewith; and
10 such subsequent laws as are in force at the time of the
11 revision shall be incorporated into said revision in appro-
12 priate chapters and sections thereof, in language concise
13 and intelligible and of the same intent, effect and construc-

tion; omitting from said new revision of the statutes all such parts of the revised statutes of nineteen hundred sixteen as have been repealed or superseded except chapter seventy-five, relating to insolvency; adding references to all decisions interpreting the statutes and constitution which appear in the Maine reports and to all decisions interpreting the constitution of the United States which appear in the United States Supreme Court reports; correcting the notes, annotations and citations of all chapters and sections, and preparing notes and references for new sections; with a copious and general index and reference at the end of each chapter in syllabus form to all other chapters and sections in which the same subject matter is treated; also suggesting with proper distinguishing marks such contradictions, omissions, repetitions and imperfections as appear in the present revised statutes of nineteen hundred sixteen and in subsequent laws and the mode in which the same may be best reconciled, supplied, amended and corrected.

Resolved that said commissioner shall complete said revision in separate titles, chapters and sections and on or before the first day of the regular session of the next legislature shall cause five hundred copies thereof, with the constitution of the United States and of this state and his report, to be printed and bound in paper or board covers by such person as shall be employed in accordance with the following resolution for the use of the state and said commissioner shall superintend said printing.

Resolved that the governor and council be, and hereby are,
2 authorized to arrange the details for the services, and com-
3 pensation of said Commissioner and to provide for the
4 printing and binding thereof by the state printer and binder.
5 Provided, that the compensation of said commissioner, his
6 expenses and clerical assistance and stationery for said re-
7 vision and report, shall not exceed the sum of \$15,000. In
8 the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the com-
9 missioner by death, resignation or incapacity to fill the of-
10 fice, the governor with the advice and consent of the coun-
11 cil, shall fill said vacancy.

Resolved that the governor and council are hereby author-
2 ized and empowered, if they deem it expedient in lieu of
3 appointing a commissioner as hereinabove provided, to make
4 a contract for said report and said revision in the name
5 of the state of Maine with one or more publishers of legal
6 reports or legal text books. In the event that such a con-
7 tract be made instead of the appointment of a commissioner,
8 the contract shall include as near as may be, the provisions
9 of this act applicable to a commissioner.

Resolved that for the foregoing purposes, there be, and
2 hereby is, appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury
3 not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$15,000 or so much
4 thereof as may be necessary, to be paid on warrants drawn
5 by the governor with the advice and consent of the council,
6 in such amounts and at such times as the governor and
7 council may approve. Said appropriation to be available at

8 any and all times between the time of this act shall be
 9 effective and June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and twenty-
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