

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 278

In Senate, Feb. 3, 1931.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Weatherbee of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for Continuous Revision of the Statutes
and Legislative Assistance.

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

Section 1. Appointment and term of revisor of statutes. The governor with the advice and consent of the council shall appoint a revisor of statutes who shall be a suitable person experienced in statutory revision and who shall serve for a period of six years, and thereafter until his successor is appointed and has qualified.

Sect. 2. Duties. The duties of the revisor of statutes shall be:

(1) During each session of the legislature to assist the legislators in the drafting of legislation, and to revise all legislation so far as may be practicable so that it shall be in conformity with and may be properly inserted in the revised statutes, under the direction of the senate and house of representatives;

(2) Immediately after each session of the legislature to distinguish private and special laws from the public laws, and to cause cumulative tables to be prepared showing what general statutes have been affected by subsequent legislation in such manner as to furnish ready reference to all such changes in the statutes and in addition thereto shall make a complete

index of the public laws of the state passed since the last revision of the statutes. The tables and index so prepared shall be printed in the official edition of the laws of the state;

(3) He shall cause the public laws passed at each session to be printed within thirty days after the close thereof on extra sheets, on good paper, in good, clear nonpareil type, by the publishers of each newspaper; and each printer who so publishes and distributes the laws to his subscribers within the state shall receive ten dollars, besides two dollars for every hundred copies so distributed within the state;

(4) After each session of the legislature to prepare a report inserting in their proper places in the revised statutes public laws enacted since the seventh revision of the statutes and to file this report with the secretary of state, and after each subsequent session of the legislature to prepare and file a report supplementing the report theretofore so filed so that such reports and supplements thereto shall form the basis of the next revision of the statutes;

(5) After each session of the legislature to prepare a report to the legislature recommending legislation that will keep the statutes continuously revised and to file this report with the secretary of the senate on or before January first immediately preceding each biennial session of the legislature;

(6) To perform the duties previously required to be performed by the secretary of state as provided in the resolves of the legislature approved June twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred twenty, March eighteenth, eighteen hundred forty, and March sixteenth, eighteen hundred forty-two;

(7) To perform such other duties of a legal nature or connected with the revision of statutes as the governor or the legislature, or either branch thereof may direct.

Sect. 3. Salary. The revisor of statutes shall receive an annual salary of forty-five hundred dollars and such further sum for clerk hire and expenses as may be provided by the governor and council.

Sect. 4. Allocation in statutes. Sections one to three inclusive of this act shall be inserted as sections ninety-seven to ninety-nine, inclusive, of chapter ninety-one of the revised statutes.