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Legislative Document

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S. P. 370

In Senate, February 14, 1939.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Chamberlain of Penobscot.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Vital Records.

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

Section 9 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes as amended by chapter 213 of the public laws of 1937 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 9. Published records of vital statistics to be purchased. Whenever the record of the births, marriages, and deaths of any town in the state, previous to the year 1892, beginning at the very earliest date, shall be collected from church records, church registers, records of clergymen, family bibles, public records and other available sources, and shall be printed and verified in the manner required by the standing committee of the Maine historical society, under the editorship of some person selected by said committee, whose services shall be rendered free and without any compensation, and the work shall appear to them to have been prepared with accuracy, the librarian of the state library shall purchase 500 copies of such record at a price not exceeding 2c per page; provided, that the written copies of the town records shall become the property of the state, and shall be deposited in the office of the registrar of vital statistics; and provided, further, that not more than \$3,000 shall be expended by authority of this section in any one year, and provided further that on and after August 1st, 1937, all projects to be undertaken within the provisions of this section shall

first be listed with and approved in writing by ~~the state librarian~~ a board of vital records consisting of the commissioner of education, the state librarian, the state historian, the president of the Maine historical society and the president of the Maine bar association.'