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Legislative Document

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S. P. 738

In Senate, May 29, 1940.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Spear of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY

AN ACT Relating to a Maine State Library.

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

Sec. 1. P. L., 1931, c. 216, Art. V, § 1, amended. Section 1 of article V of chapter 216 of the public laws of 1931 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Powers and duties of department. The department of education shall have authority:

1. To exercise all the rights, powers, and duties hitherto vested by law in the ~~state~~ commissioner of education, his deputies, assistants and employees;
2. To supervise the state normal schools;
3. To administer the teachers' retirement system;
4. ~~To supervise the Maine state library;~~
5. ~~To have charge of the museum.'~~

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 4, § 1, amended. The first sentence of section 1 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

~~'The Maine state library shall be under the management and control of the governor and council, who shall be known as the trustees of the~~

~~Maine state library and~~ **supervision of the state librarian** who shall make such rules and regulations as are necessary for the proper management of the library and the safety of its contents.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 4, § 2, amended. The first sentence of section 2 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The governor **by and with the advice and consent of the** ~~and~~ council, shall appoint a librarian of the Maine state library who shall serve for **a term of five** ~~4~~ years, **and until his successor is duly appointed and qualified** and give bond to the state for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 4, § 5, amended. Section 5 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 5. Books to be loaned to responsible citizens of state.** Under such rules and regulations as ~~the trustees~~ **he** may prescribe, the librarian may lend books and documents from the library to any responsible citizen of the state, on payment of all carriage charges.'

Sec. 5. R. S., c. 4, § 27, amended. The first part of section 27 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 27. Procedure for obtaining state aid for towns maintaining free public libraries.** The municipal officers of any town or city and the assessors of any village corporation where a free public library is established shall annually, on the 1st day of May, certify to the ~~trustees of the Maine state library~~ **state librarian** the amount of money appropriated and expended by said town, city, or village corporation during the preceding year for the purchase of books and documents for the use and benefit of such free public library and for the payment of the running expenses thereof; the ~~trustees~~ **librarian** may certify as to grade and quality of service performed by the library;'

Sec. 6. R. S., c. 4, § 30, amended. Section 30 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 30. Books may be donated to towns to assist in foundation of library.** The ~~trustees of the~~ Maine state library shall donate to any town having no free public library owned or controlled by the town books purchased for that purpose not exceeding 50% in value of the books and documents purchased by said town for the purpose of founding a free public library therein; said donation in no case to exceed \$100 unless, in the judgment of the ~~trustees~~ **librarian**, it would be to the advantage of the library to receive the amount in some other form.'