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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Briggs of Hampden.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Town Reports.**

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

**R. S., c. 5, § 63, amended.** Section 63 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 218 of the public laws of 1939, is hereby further amended to read as follows :

**‘Sec. 63. Selectmen and treasurer to make reports; printed reports to be distributed before annual meeting; all town books to be open for public inspection; penalty for refusal or neglect.** Persons charged with the expenditure of the money of a town shall, at least 3 days before the day of the annual meeting, make a full and detailed written or printed report, **written in ink or printed on book paper of not less than 50 pound basis with regular printer’s job ink and bound in the size measuring 6 inches wide by 9 inches long,** of all their financial transactions in behalf of the town during the municipal year immediately preceding, with a full account of the receipts and disbursements during that period, and to whom and for what purpose each item of the same was paid, with a statement in detail of the indebtedness and resources of the town; including a list of all unpaid taxes which have been committed to the treasurer or collector for collection, giving the names of all delinquent taxpayers and the amount due from each.

Such reports, and the complete report of the audit made as provided by section 100 of this chapter, both in sufficient number, shall be deposited in the office of the selectmen for distribution to the legally qualified voters of such town at least 3 days before such annual meeting; if the selectmen have no such office, then such reports in like manner shall be deposited in a convenient place of business in such town for distribution; copies of such reports shall be kept deposited in the office of the said selectmen, or if they have no such office or usual place of business, with the town clerk, with proper vouchers for the disbursements reported, where such reports and vouchers, and all the books of the town shall be open during the usual hours of business, to the inspection of voters; and if any town officer refuses or neglects to perform any requirement of this section, or refuses to allow any voter to examine such reports, vouchers and town books, he shall be punished by a fine of \$50 for each refusal or neglect.'