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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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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 State Aid for Libraries.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 4, § 25, amended.** Section 25 of chapter 4 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**‘Sec. 25. Authorizing municipalities to raise money to secure free use of library in an adjoining municipality.** Any municipality may raise and appropriate annually a sum of money for the purpose of securing to its inhabitants free use of a library located in an adjoining municipality; and the officers thereof shall annually, on or before the 1st day of May, certify to the state librarian the amount of money appropriated and expended during the preceding year for this purpose. Upon certification the state librarian shall approve for payment a sum based on the following enumerated percentages:

To municipalities appropriating and expending \$475 or less, 10%;

To municipalities appropriating and expending \$476 to \$1,900, 7%;

To municipalities appropriating and expending \$1,901 to \$5,000, 4%. No municipality shall receive annually more than \$200. The stipend shall be used for the purchase of books to be placed in said library.’

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 4, § 27, amended.** Section 27 of chapter 4 of the revised

statutes, as amended, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**'Sec. 27. Procedure for obtaining state aid for municipalities maintaining free public libraries. The officers of any municipality where a free public library is established shall annually, on or before the 1st day of May, certify to the state librarian the amount of money appropriated and expended by said municipality during the preceding year for the purchase of books and for library maintenance. Stipend payment shall be based on such certification. The state librarian may certify as to grade and quality of service performed by the library, and shall approve for payment a sum based on the following enumerated percentages:**

**To municipalities appropriating and expending \$475 or less, 10%;**

**To municipalities appropriating and expending \$476 to \$1,900, 7%;**

**To municipalities appropriating and expending \$1,901 to \$5,000, 4%. No municipality shall receive annually more than \$200. The stipend shall be used for the purchase of books to be placed in said library.'**