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No. 1563

S. P. 640

In Senate, September 21, 1954

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Reid of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FOUR

AN ACT Relating to Distribution of Revised Statutes and Session Laws.

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

Sec. 1. Statutes and laws distributed. A copy of all compilations or revisions of the statutes, and supplements thereto, and the laws passed by each legislature shall be sold and delivered at one-half the retail price to the following: each free public library, county law library, college library, municipality, County Attorney, Clerk of Courts, County Commissioners' Court, Sheriff, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Register of Probate, Judge of Probate, Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, Justice of the Superior Court, ex-Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and the Superior Court, Municipal Court, Trial Justice, ex-Governor, Executive Councilor; the Governor, the Reporter of Decisions, Judge of the United States District Court for Maine, United States District Attorney for Maine, Clerk of the United States District Court for Maine, Judge of United States Court of Appeals for this State, Maine Historical Society.

The Legislature and state administrative departments, bureaus, agencies and commissions may purchase more than one such copy for legislative and administrative purposes.

Copies shall be sent, on an exchange basis, to the Library of Congress,

Maine State Bar Association, the Supreme Court Library of Canada, and to each state or territorial library in the United States.

One copy of the laws passed by each session of the Legislature shall be given to each member thereof, the Secretary of the Senate, the Assistant Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House, the Assistant Clerk of the House and each Senator and Representative from Maine in the Congress of the United States.

One copy of the latest revision of the statutes and the current supplement thereto shall be given to each member of the legislature who has not previously received such a copy as a member of a legislature which met in regular session after the effective date of such revision of the statutes.

The remaining copies of the statutes, and supplements thereto, and the laws shall be held in the library for exchange or library use, except as otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 2. Public documents turned over to successors in office. All digests, compilations or revisions of the statutes, and supplements thereto, and the laws, sold and delivered at half-price to any state, county or municipal officer shall be held in trust by said officer for the sole use of his office; and at the expiration of his term of office or on his removal therefrom by death, resignation or other cause, such officer, or if he be dead, his legal representatives, shall turn over to his successor in office all of said books and publications. If there be no successor to his office such officer, or his legal representatives, shall turn over all of said books and publications to the state, county or municipality which purchased the same.

Sec. 3. Public documents held in trust. All digests, compilations or revisions of the statutes, and supplements thereto, and the laws, sold and delivered by the state at half-price to municipalities within the state shall be held in trust by such municipalities for the sole use of the inhabitants thereof.

Sec. 4. Certain law repealed. The law which authorizes the marking of reports, digests, codes and laws distributed by the State Library to the several towns and public officers with the following words, "Property of the State of Maine, not to be sold," is hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. Repealing and amending clause. All acts and resolves or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or amended to conform to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 6. Effective date. The provisions of this act shall become effective January 3, 1955.