

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTIETH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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PUBLIC LAWS
OF THE
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Chapter 176.

An Act additional and amendatory to Chapter two hundred forty-two of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to Free Public Libraries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 1. Section five of chapter two hundred forty-two of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three is hereby amended by striking out in the fourth line of said section the words "of less than fifteen hundred inhabitants and" so that said section shall read as follows:

Section 5,
chapter 242,
public laws,
1893, amended.

'Section 5. The state librarian is hereby authorized and directed to donate from the Maine state library to any town having no free public library owned or controlled by the town, books purchased for that purpose, not exceeding fifty per cent in value 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 one hundred dollars.'

Librarian
authorized
to assist
certain towns
in establish-
ing free
public
libraries.

Section 2. Any town is hereby authorized to raise and appropriate annually a sum of money, not exceeding the legal limit heretofore established, for the purpose of securing to its inhabitants the free use of a library located in an adjoining town, and shall be entitled to receive from the state treasurer a sum equal to ten per cent of the amount so raised, appropriated and expended yearly.

Any town
may raise
money to
secure free
use of library
in adjoining
town.

Section 3. Two or more adjacent towns may unite in establishing and maintaining a free public library with branches thereof in each town for the free use of all the inhabitants of said towns, and may each raise and appropriate for that purpose annually a sum not exceeding the legal limit heretofore established for maintaining free libraries and such towns shall be subject to all the duties and entitled to all the benefits established by the laws now in force concerning free libraries.

Adjacent
towns may
unite in
establishing
free library.

Section 4. That section three of chapter two hundred forty-two of the public laws of eighteen hundred ninety-three, as amended by chapter eleven of the public laws of eighteen hundred ninety-five, is hereby further amended, so as to read as follows:

Section 3,
chapter 242,
as amended
by [chapter
111] laws of
1895, further
amended.

'Section 3. Any town or city, in which there is a library owned or controlled by a corporation or association, may appropriate a sum not exceeding one dollar for each of its ratable polls in the year next preceding, to procure from such library the free use of its books for all the inhabitants of the town or city, under such restrictions and regulations as shall insure the safety

Free library
maintained
by an
association
receiving aid
shall be con-
sidered a
public
library.

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and good usage of the books; and such library shall then be considered a free public library within the meaning of this act, and said town or city shall be entitled to the benefits of the preceding section, provided that any books and documents purchased with said stipend, and all books and documents donated by the state, shall be and remain the property of said municipality.

Approved March 13, 1901.

Chapter 177.

An Act to further regulate procedure in the Organization of Street Railroad Corporations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Articles of association may be amended as railroad commissioners deem necessary.

Articles of association filed under the general laws of the state for the organization of street railroad corporations may be amended at any time upon petition therefor signed by all of the corporators after such notice thereof as the railroad commissioners may deem necessary. No proceedings shall be dismissed because of the death of any person named as a director or corporator before final decree of approval of location, but the survivors may elect a new director or admit another associate, who shall sign the original articles of association and the subscription of stock then on file in the office of said commissioners. Any location may be amended at any time before final approval thereof, after notice and hearing thereon by the railroad commissioners, by filing a consent to said amendment signed by the municipal officers of the town interested. Amendments to petitions filed under such general laws before the railroad commissioners may be made at any time before final decree with or without notice, as the commissioners may decide public interests may require.

—location may be amended.

—petition may be amended.

Approved March 13, 1901.