

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1903.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 203.

An Act to provide for the Preservation of Town Records of births, marriages and deaths, previous to the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two.

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

Secretary of state shall purchase 500 copies of records of births, marriages and deaths, when conditions have been complied with.

Section 1. Whenever the record of the births, marriages, and deaths, previous to the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two, beginning at the very earliest date, of any town in this state, shall be collected from church records, church registers, records, of clergymen, family bibles, public records and other available sources, and shall be printed and verified in the manner required by the standing committee of the Maine Historical Society, under the editorship of some person selected by said committee, whose services shall be rendered free and without any compensation, and the work shall appear to them to have been prepared with accuracy, the secretary of state shall purchase five hundred copies of such record at a price not exceeding one cent per page; provided, that the written copies of the town records shall become the property of the state, and shall be deposited in the office of the state registrar of vital statistics; and provided, further, that not more than five hundred dollars shall be expended by authority of this act in any one year.

--price.

--proviso.

Distribution of volumes.

Section 2. The volumes purchased, as aforesaid shall be distributed by the state registrar aforesaid as follows: one copy to the office of secretary of state; one copy to the state librarian; one copy to the free public library of each town and city of the state; one copy to each state and territorial library in the United States; one copy to the library of congress; one copy to each incorporated historical society in the state; one copy to the library of each college in the state; and one copy to each registry of deeds. The remainder shall be placed in the state library for the purpose of exchange.

Approved March 28, 1903.