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Section 4. The fund established by this act and accounted for in the account aforesaid may be increased from time to time by direct legislative appropriations.

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—fund may be increased. Contingent fund, how to be expended.

Section 5. Warrants may be drawn upon, charged to, and paid out of this fund, to pay outstanding bills or accounts that were properly chargeable to the several appropriations previous to the first day of January of each year; to pay outstanding bills necessarily contracted by state departments or state institutions for which the Legislature failed to make sufficient provision, and for such other expenses as it may be necessary to incur under the requirement of law or for the maintenance of government, which the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall authorize; provided, however, that no payment shall be made from this fund, except as above provided, unless some emergency shall arise requiring an expenditure of money not provided for by the Legislature.

—proviso.

Section 6. Warrants drawn upon this fund shall be supported by proper vouchers, itemized, approved and audited in conformity to law.

—warrants shall be supported by vouchers.

Section 7. No transfer or payments other than those provided by this act shall be made from any fund hereby created except by special authority of the Legislature.

—transfers and payments prohibited.

Approved April 1, 1915.

Chapter 318.

An Act to Consolidate and Revise the Laws Relating to State Printing and Binding.

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

Section 1. The number of copies of the following named reports to be printed hereafter at the expense of the State shall be determined by the Governor and Council but shall not exceed the following numbers: The report of the Commissioner of Agriculture, six thousand copies annually; the report of the Bank Commissioner, two thousand copies annually; the report of the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry, four thousand copies biennially; the report of the Trustees of Juvenile Institutions, fifteen hundred copies annually; the report of the warden and inspectors of State prison and jails, fifteen hundred copies annually; the report of the University of Maine, fifteen hundred copies annually; the report of the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station, one thousand copies annually; the report of the Registrar

Governor and Council shall determine number of reports not to exceed numbers, as herein provided.

CHAP. 318 of Vital Statistics, two thousand copies annually; the report of the Insurance Commissioner, two thousand five hundred copies annually; the report of the Public Utilities Commission, two thousand copies annually; the report of the State Superintendent of Public Schools, four thousand copies on each legislative year, and three thousand five hundred copies on the alternate year; the report of the Treasurer of the State, three thousand copies on each legislative year, and twenty-five hundred copies on the alternate year; the report of the trustees and officers of the State Hospitals, two thousand copies on each legislative year, and one thousand five hundred copies on the alternate year; the report of the Board of State Assessors, four thousand copies on each legislative year, and three thousand copies on the alternate year; the report of the Attorney General, one thousand copies biennially; the report of the Land Agent and Forest Commissioner, three thousand copies biennially; the report of the Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game, three thousand copies annually; the report of the Commissioner of Sea and Shore Fisheries, two thousand copies biennially; the report of the State Board of Health, forty-five hundred copies biennially; the report of the Adjutant General, twelve hundred copies annually; the report of the Librarian of the Maine State Library, one thousand copies biennially; the report of the Bath Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, one thousand copies biennially. Of the above named reports seventy-five copies may be retained by the binder for public documents, and at least six hundred and seventy-five copies shall be delivered to the State Librarian, by the binder, for exchange, library use and general distribution, and the balance of the number of each report shall be delivered to the head of the department or institution where it originated and was prepared for publication.

—distribution of reports.

Reports of other departments and institutions may be printed as determined by Governor and Council.

Section 2. The reports, catalogs and compilations of all State Departments, Commissions and Institutions, other than as enumerated in the preceding section, may be printed and bound, but the number and the styles in which the same shall be so printed and bound, at the expense of the State, shall be determined from time to time by the Governor and Council, who shall also fix the number of the same which shall be delivered from the bindery or printing office to the Librarian of the State Library.

—incidental printing subject to approval of Governor and Council.

Section 3. Each department, institution, commission and board of trustees may have printed at the expense of the State, bulletins and circular letters of inquiry and information, blank books, blanks, stationery and office supplies, required for

the conduct of the business of the department at such times and in such numbers as the officer in charge thereof may consider necessary, such requisition for printing to be subject to the approval of the Governor and Council. CHAP. 318

Except as provided in this and the preceding section, no reports, catalogs of compilations shall be printed, stitched or bound by any department commission or institution of the State, at the expense of the State, unless by virtue of special legislative provision therefor.

—exception.

Section 4. The Governor and Council may contract, in behalf of the State, on the basis of competitive bids, for the printing of the reports, catalogs, compilations, bulletins and circulars, authorized to be printed under the three preceding sections and for all other miscellaneous printing, now or hereafter authorized by law, for each department of the State government, including the legislative printing. They may, in their discretion, call for bids, and contract separately, for distinct portions of the State printing or State binding, but may reject any and all bids which they do not deem for the interest of the State to accept, and may take such security as they deem necessary for the faithful performance of any contract made under the authority of the three preceding sections. No such contract shall be for a longer time than two years.

Governor and Council may contract for State printing on basis of competitive bids.

—contract not longer than two years.

Section 5. The Governor and Council, may in their discretion contract from time to time, on the basis of competitive bids, for the making or delivery of the paper stock, engravings, electrotypes, dies, lithographs or other plates required in the execution of the State printing. No such contract shall be for a longer time than two years.

Contracts for stock, electrotypes, etc.

Section 6. The Governor and Council may contract, in behalf of the State, on the basis of competitive bids, for all the folding, stitching, ruling and binding for every department of the State government, for which the State is held to pay. They may, in their discretion, call for bids, and contract separately for distinct portions of the State binding, but may reject any and all bids which they do not deem it in the interest of the State to accept, and may take such security as they deem necessary, for the faithful performance of any contract made under the authority of the four preceding sections. No such contract shall be for a longer time than two years.

State binding shall be contracted for by Governor and Council.

Section 7. To carry out the provisions of this act, the State Auditor shall appoint a Superintendent of Public Printing, whose appointment shall be approved by the Governor and Council. He shall be an experienced practical book and job print-

—Superintendent of Public Printing appointed by State Auditor.

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—qualifications.

Duties of Superintendent of Public Printing.

—report to Governor and Council.

Supt. of Printing shall not be owner of any office handling state work.

All inconsistent acts are repealed.

er with a working knowledge of the various grades, sizes and weights of paper stocks, type measurements, classes of composition and method of press work. He shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars.

Section 8. All state departments, institutions, commissions and boards of trustees requiring printing or bindery work for which the State is properly holden to pay out of any public moneys, shall make requisition for the same to the Superintendent of Public Printing, who shall superintend the execution of all orders upon such requisitions, and examine, correct and approve all bills rendered against the State on account of such orders. He shall keep a correct record of the expenditures hereunder of the several departments, institutions, commissions and boards of trustees through the office of the State Auditor, and the same shall always be available for public inspection. He shall also report to the Governor and Council annually in detail the description, quantity and cost of each item of expenditure relating to the State printing and binding.

Section 9. No contract authorized by this act shall be awarded to a printing office or bindery in which the Superintendent of Public Printing is owner, partner, stockholder, director, manager or agent, or otherwise financially interested.

Section 10. Sections twenty-four, twenty-five and twenty-six of chapter three of the Revised Statutes; chapter fifty-two, one hundred thirty-eight and one hundred fifty-five of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred five; chapters thirty-two and one hundred seventy-six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred seven, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

Approved April 2, 1915.

Chapter 319.

An Act to Provide for State and County Aid in the Construction of Highway Bridges.

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

Cost of construction of necessary bridges in towns where appropriations for roads and bridges is in excess of five mills, now borne.

Section 1. When public convenience and necessity require the building or rebuilding of any bridge in any town or city, said bridge being located on any main thoroughfare and the cost of said construction together with all other moneys raised for the construction and repair of ways, highways and bridges in said town makes a tax rate in excess of five mills on the valuation of the town last made by the Board of State Assess-