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thereof, the words 'or at their own library,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 82. Application to be made to state librarian or Library Commission. Instruction may be had at own library. On application to the state librarian or the Maine Library Commission, the librarian or trustees of any free public library may receive instruction at the state library or at their own library, in cataloguing, and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library.'

Approved March 29, 1917.

Chapter 126.

An Act to Amend Section One of Chapter One Hundred and Thirty of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Offenses against the Public Health, Safety and Policy.

Preamble. Whereas the peace, health and safety of all the citizens of our State make it wise to guard with extreme care the sources of water supply within the limits of the state, and,

Whereas, the present laws do not provide adequate punishment for those who may offend in this respect, and,

Whereas, the legislature deems the provisions of the following act to be an emergency requiring the passage of said act immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, now therefore,

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 130, § 1, relating to corruption of water supply, amended. Section one of chapter one hundred thirty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "one" in the ninth line thereof and substituting therefor, the word 'five' and by striking out from the tenth line thereof the words "not exceeding one year" and substituting therefor the words 'for any term of years', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Penalty increased. Whoever knowingly and wilfully poisons, defiles or in any way corrupts the waters of any well, spring, brook, lake, pond, river or reservoir, used for domestic purposes for man or beast, or knowingly corrupts the sources of any public water supply, or the tributaries of said sources of supply in such manner as to affect the purity of the water so supplied, or knowingly defiles such water in any manner, whether the same be frozen or not, or puts the carcass of any dead animal or other offensive material in said waters, or upon the ice thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for any term of years.'

Sec. 2. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 29, 1917.