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Chapter 33.

An Act to Amend Sections Forty-two and Forty-three of Chapter Sixty-four of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Publication of Ancient Vital Statistics.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 64, § 42; relating to publication of ancient records of vital statistics, amended. Section forty-two of chapter sixty-four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "secretary of state" in the tenth line thereof and inserting in place thereof the words 'librarian of the state library,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 42. Purchase of compilation to be made by state librarian instead of secretary of state. Whenever the record of the births, marriages, and deaths of any town in the state, previous to the year eighteen hundred ninety-two, beginning at the very earliest date, 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 librarian of the state library 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 registrar of vital statistics; and provided, further, that not more than one thousand dollars shall be expended by authority of this section in any one year.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 64, § 43; relating to distribution of volumes, amended; volumes now in office of secretary of state to be transferred to state library. Any volume of ancient vital records now on file in the office of the secretary of state shall be transferred to the state library and retained on file in said state library. Section forty-three of chapter sixty-four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "one copy to the office of secretary of state" in the third line thereof, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 43. Secretary of state not to receive a copy. The volumes purchased, as aforesaid shall be distributed by the state registrar as follows: one copy to the state library; 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.'