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State Historian.

Sec. 1. State historian, appointment; duties. R. S. c. 3, § 19. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a state historian, who shall be a member of the Maine Historical Society and whose duty it shall be to compile historical data of the state and encourage the teaching of the history of the state in the public schools. He shall also encourage the compiling and publishing of town histories, combined with local geography; he shall examine and, when he decides that the material is suitable, approve histories of towns compiled as provided in the following section.

Sec. 2. May approve publication of town history. R. S. c. 3, § 20. Whenever any town shall present to the state historian material which he considers suitable for publication as a history of the town presenting the same, he may approve the publication of a history with the local geography which will be suitable for use in the grammar and high school grades of the public schools.

Preservation of records and history of Grand Army of the Republic, Dept. of Maine, P. & S. L. 1909, c. 149; 1911, c. 205.

Sec. 3. Board to compile history. R. S. c. 3, § 21. The superintending school committee and the superintendent of schools, with some citizen of the town to be elected by them, shall constitute a board to compile a history and the local geography of the town in which they reside. Two or more towns may unite in compiling and publishing a history and the local geography of the towns forming the union. The superintendent of schools shall forward two copies of such history to the state library and notify the superintendent of public schools of the title of said history.

Sec. 4. Towns publishing history to receive state aid. R. S. c. 3, § 22. Whenever material for a town history with local geography has been approved by the state historian and the same has been published by the town, or by a union of towns and provision has been made for its regular use in the public schools of said town, the treasurer of state shall pay the town so publishing a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars, provided that the state shall not pay to any town more than one-half of the amount paid by said town for printing and binding the history thereof.

Sec. 5. Marking of historical sites. R. S. c. 3, § 23. The marking of historical sites, as authorized by the legislature, shall be under the direction of the state historian.

Sec. 6. Expenses of historian. R. S. c. 3, § 24. 1929, c. 19. The actual cash expenses of the state historian incurred while in the discharge of his official duties including any sum necessarily contracted by him for clerical assistance in arranging, classifying, preserving, and indexing books, manuscripts, records, documents and papers now or hereafter in the possession of the state, shall be paid from the state treasury but shall not exceed five hundred dollars a year; any portion of said amount may be expended by the state historian, under the direction of the governor and council, in the publication of historical matter and data relating to the history of the state, or in making available by card catalogue, and otherwise, historical materials in the possession of the state. The appropriation so made available shall constitute a continuous carrying account and any balance of same shall be carried forward and be credited to the appropriation for the same purpose for the succeeding year.

Public Documents.

Sec. 7. Reports of departments; publication and distribution; number of copies. R. S. c. 3, § 31. 1917, cc. 74, 102. 1919, c. 36. 1921, c. 210, § 26. 1923, c. 82. The number of copies of the following named reports to be printed hereafter at the expense of the state and the styles in which the same shall be so printed and bound shall be determined by the governor and council but shall not exceed one thousand copies for any department: the bank commissioner; the commissioner of labor and industry; the trustees of juvenile institutions; the warden of the state prison and board of prison commissioners; the insurance commissioner; the public utilities commission; the state commissioner of education; the treasurer of state; the trustees and officers of the state hospitals; the board of state assessors; the attorney-general; the forest commissioner; the commissioner of inland fisheries and game; the sea and shore fisheries commission; the state department of health; the adjutant-general; the librarian of the state library and the state military and naval children's home. The report of the commissioner of agriculture shall not exceed fifteen hundred copies. Said reports are to be printed biennially covering the two fiscal years next preceding each legislative year, and all to be ready for distribution upon the convening of the legislature at its regular biennial sessions. Of the above named reports fifty copies may be retained by the binder for public documents, and at least two hundred and fifty 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 where it was prepared for publication.

Sec. 8. Other reports, numbers to be determined by governor and council. R. S. c. 3, § 32. 1919, c. 36. 1921, c. 210, § 27. The reports, catalogues, 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; but at least ten copies of each periodical, bulletin, pamphlet, or leaflet issued by any department or institution of the state shall be deposited in the state library.

State Printing and Binding.

Sec. 9. Incidental printing subject to approval of governor and council. R. S. c. 3, § 33. 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. Except as provided in this and the preceding section, no reports, catalogues, or 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.

Sec. 10. Governor and council to contract for state printing on basis of competitive bids. R. S. c. 3, § 34. The governor and council may contract in behalf of the state on the basis of competitive bids for the printing of the reports, catalogues, 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.

Sec. 11. Contracts of stock, electrotypes, etc. R. S. c. 3, § 35. 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.

Sec. 12. State binding. R. S. c. 3, § 36. 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 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.

Superintendent of Public Printing.

Sec. 13. Superintendent of public printing, appointment; qualifications. R. S. c. 3, § 37. 1919, c. 224. To carry out the provisions of the six preceding sections, the governor shall appoint a superintendent of public printing, whose appointment shall be approved by the council. He shall be an experienced practical book and job printer with a working knowledge of the various grades, sizes, and weights of paper stocks, type measurements, classes of composition, and method of press work.

Sec. 14. Superintendent of public printing, duties; report. R. S. c. 3, § 38. 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.

Sec. 15. Offices in which superintendent interested not eligible for state contracts. R. S. c. 3, § 39. No contract authorized by the eight preceding sections 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.

State Paper.

Sec. 16. Kennebec Journal to be state paper. 1917, c. 1. The Daily Kennebec Journal, a newspaper printed at Augusta, shall be the state paper of this state, in which shall be published all laws and resolves of a public nature and also all advertisements, notices, and orders, required by law to be published in the state paper.