

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 47.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-ONE.

AN ACT relating to the State Library.

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

SECTION 1. The state library shall hereafter be under
2 the management and control of the governor and coun-
3 cil as a board of trustees.

SECT. 2. There shall be appointed by the governor
2 and council a librarian of the state library, who shall
3 hold his office three years, unless sooner removed, and
4 shall give bond to the state in such sum, and with such
5 sureties as shall be approved by the governor and coun-
6 cil for the faithful performance of the duties of his
7 office.

SECT. 3. The library shall be kept open every day
2 in the year, Sundays and the usual public holidays
3 excepted, during the usual business hours.

SECT. 4. All sums of money appropriated by the
2 legislature for the purchase of books shall be expended
3 by the librarian under the direction of the governor.

SECT. 5. The librarian shall report to the legislature
2 annually, in the month of January, the receipts and
3 expenditures on account of the library, with a list of
4 all books, maps and charts acquired during the preced-
5 ing year, specifying those obtained by purchase, dona-
6 tion and exchange, and those, if any, which have been
7 lost, or are missing, and make such suggestions in re-
8 lation to the library as shall lead to its improvement.

SECT. 6. Books may be taken from the library by
2 the governor, members of the council and of the legis-
3 lature, judges of the judicial courts, secretary of state,
4 deputy secretary of state, treasurer of state, adjutant
5 general, attorney general, land agent, reporter of de-
6 cisions, superintendent of public buildings, superin-
7 tendent of common schools, superintendent of the insane
8 hospital, chaplains, secretary, and assistant secretary
9 of the senate, chaplains, clerk, and assistant clerk of
10 the house, secretary, and members of the board of ag-
11 riculture during the sessions of the board; *provided*
12 that this privilege to the members of the legislature,

13 and those officially connected therewith, shall be lim-
14 ited to the time the legislature shall be in session.

SECT. 7. No person authorized to take books from
2 the library, shall be permitted to have at any one time
3 more than three volumes, nor shall the same be retained
4 more than three weeks, and all shall be returned on or
5 before the first day of January annually.

SECT. 8. The following books shall not be taken
2 from the library room, except for the use of either
3 house, or of the committees of the legislature, during
4 its session ; all books presented by the united states,
5 or any of the states ; all works, books, and documents
6 relating to the laws or legislative proceedings of the
7 united states, or of other states or countries ; all
8 digests, reports of decisions, and works relating to the
9 science of the law and Vattermare's exchanges.

SECT. 9. Every person shall be answerable for all
2 damage done by him to any book, and in case of the
3 loss of a volume belonging to a set, the person answer-
4 able therefor shall procure a new volume, or pay in
5 money the value of the set.

SECT. 10. Actions for the breach of said regulations
2 may be brought by the librarian in his own name for
3 the use of the state, and in case of his death, or re-
4 moval from office, the action shall survive, and be pros-
5 ecutud by his successor.

SECT. 11. The governor may transmit to the govern-
2 nors of the several states, and of the several British
3 North American provinces, three copies of all the laws
4 and resolves published by order of the legislature, one
5 copy of all public documents printed and bound by the
6 like order, and one copy of the printed decisions of the
7 judicial courts.

SECT. 12. The annual salary of the librarian shall
2 be eight hundred dollars, to be paid quarterly out of
3 any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SECT. 13. The librarian appointed as aforesaid shall
2 enter upon his duties the first day of April then next
3 after his appointment until which time the care of the
4 library to remain as before the passage of this act.

SECT. 14. Five hundred dollars shall be annually ap-
2 propriated for the library, and be expended in purchas-
3 ing, or otherwise procuring such books, maps, charts,
4 and works as shall be deemed most useful, and in bind-
5 ing and keeping in good condition the works therein.

SECT. 15. All acts, and parts of acts inconsistent
2 with this act, are hereby repealed.

SECT. 16. This act shall take effect and be in force
2 on and after its approval by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

• HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 27, 1861. }

Reported by Mr. CLARK from Committee on State Library, and on motion of Mr. HAMILTON, laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

CHARLES A. MILLER, *Clerk.*