

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 6.

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
2 under the management and control of the governor
3 and council as a board of trustees.

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

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

SECT. 6. Books may be taken from the library by
2 the governor, members of the council and of the leg-
3 islatre, judges of the judicial courts, secretary of
4 state, treasurer of state, adjutant general, attorney
5 general, land agent, reporter of decisions, by the
6 chaplain, secretary and assistant secretary of the sen-
7 ate, chaplain, clerk and assistant clerk of the house,
8 *provided* that this privilege to the members of the leg-
9 islatre and those officially connected therewith, shall

10 be limited to the time the legislature shall be in
11 session.

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

SECT. 8. No law works of this or any other coun-
2 try, belonging to the library, excepting those of the
3 State of Maine, Vattermare's exchanges, or books pre-
4 sented by the United States, or any other state, shall
5 be allowed to be removed from the library room, ex-
6 cept for the use of the two houses, and the committees
7 at their committee rooms, during their sessions.

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. Action 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
5 prosecuted by his successor.

SECT. 11. The governor may transmit to the gov-
2 ernors 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
6 the like order, and one copy of the printed decisions
7 of the judicial courts.

SECT. 12. The annual salary of the librarian shall
2 be eight hundred dollars, to be paid quarterly out of
3 any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropri-
4 ated.

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

SECT. 14. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 with this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 15. This act shall take effect and be in force
2 on and after its approval by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 5, 1861.

On motion of Mr. BICKNELL of Kennebec,

Ordered, That 350 copies of bill "An act relating to the State Library," be printed for the use of the Legislature.

JAMES M. LINCOLN, *Secretary*.