

## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

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H.P. 351 - L.D. 532

**An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Maine State Library**

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

**Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §31**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 626, §1, is further amended to read:

**§31. Library hours**

The State Librarian shall keep the library open at least 35 hours per week. ~~Neither the State Director of Public Improvements nor any of the state employees under his jurisdiction shall admit anyone~~ A person may not be admitted to the library rooms out of library hours or ~~permit take any book to be taken therefrom or other material from the library~~ without the consent of the librarian.

**Sec. 2. 27 MRSA §34, sub-§9**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 700, Pt. B, §17, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. 27 MRSA §34, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 700, Pt. B, §17, is amended to read:

**10. Related activities.** Related activities in cooperation with the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council; and

**Sec. 4. 27 MRSA §34, sub-§11** is enacted to read:

**11. Electronic resources and database library.** Maintaining and providing an electronic library service as well as a database library for use by elementary and secondary schools.

**Sec. 5. 27 MRSA §37**, as amended by PL 1973, c. 626, §4, is repealed.

**Sec. 6. 27 MRSA §66** is amended to read:

## §66. Reports of departments and institutions

The State Librarian shall distribute reports of the departments and institutions of the State and other books and documents published or purchased by the State in such manner as the law may direct. ~~He~~ The State Librarian may transmit one copy of each published report of each department of the State Government to each library in the State and to the libraries of other states and territories, and make such other and further distribution as in ~~his~~ the State Librarian's judgment seems proper. ~~He~~ The State Librarian shall maintain a document room in which ~~shall~~ must be stored all department reports and other publications of the State intended for distribution and shall keep an accurate account of all books and documents received.

**Sec. 7. 27 MRSA §69**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 683, Pt. A, §45, is further amended to read:

## §69. Purchase of Maine histories

**1. Purchase.** ~~The State Librarian shall purchase at least 25 2 copies, and may purchase up to 200 copies, of every town history or other book concerning the history of this State that is published in Maine. He shall purchase, within these limits, the number of copies required to meet the distribution requirements of subsection 2.~~

~~**2. Distribution.** The State Librarian shall retain sufficient copies of each history purchased under subsection 1 for the use of the State Library. The remaining copies shall be distributed without charge to all school, state, institutional and public libraries that request a copy. The State Librarian shall regularly publish and circulate to all these libraries a list of the histories available for distribution.~~

~~**3. Surplus.** The State Librarian may sell copies of each history that are not distributed under subsection 2. The State Librarian shall fix the price of sale at the retail price of the history. The Maine State Museum may sell these copies through its museum sales program, except that the proceeds from the sale of these town histories may not be used as required under section 89-A. All proceeds from the sales of these town histories must be used to pay the costs of the distribution required under subsection 2, and any proceeds beyond these costs must be used to meet the costs of purchase under subsection 1.~~

**Sec. 8. 27 MRSA §108** is repealed.

**Sec. 9. 27 MRSA §116, first ¶**, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 626, §6, is amended to read:

Research centers may be designated by the ~~commissioner~~ State Librarian with the advice of the Maine Library Commission.

**Sec. 10. 27 MRSA §117, first ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 125, §5, is amended to read:

The State Librarian, with the advice of the district council, shall appoint a staff member, or contract with an area reference and resource center, to provide district

consultant services to one or more districts ~~as determined by the policies established by the commissioner.~~

**Sec. 11. 27 MRSA §119**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 700, Pt. B, §33, is further amended to read:

**§119. Distribution of appropriations**

The ~~Maine Library Commission~~ State Librarian is authorized to apportion funds appropriated by the Legislature for the support of regional library systems.

**Sec. 12. 27 MRSA §121**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 67, §5, is further amended to read:

**§121. Confidentiality of library records**

Records maintained by any public ~~municipal~~ library, as defined in section 110, subsection 10, the Maine State Library, the Law and Legislative Reference Library and libraries of the University of Maine System, Maine Community College System and ~~the~~ Maine Maritime Academy that contain information relating to the identity of a library patron relative to the patron's use of books or other materials at the library are confidential. Those records may only be released with the express written permission of the patron involved or as the result of a court order.