

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

H.P. 1452 - L.D. 1947

**An Act To Promote Electronic Filing of State Agency and Legislative  
Committee Publications**

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

**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §501-A, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 299, §1, is amended to read:

**3. Annual or biennial reports.** Immediately upon receipt of any annual or biennial report that is not included in the Maine State Government Annual Report provided for in Title 5, sections 43 to 46, the State Purchasing Agent shall deliver at least ~~55~~ 4 copies of that annual or biennial report to the State Librarian for exchange and library use. The State Purchasing Agent shall deliver the balance of the number of each such report to the agency that prepared the report.

**Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §501-A, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 299, §1, is amended to read:

**4. State agency and legislative committee publications.** Except as provided in subsection 5, any agency or legislative committee ~~issuing~~ publishing publications, including publications in an electronic format, shall deliver ~~48~~ 4 copies of the publications in the published format to the State Librarian. These copies must be furnished at the expense of the issuing agency. Publications not furnished upon request will be reproduced at the expense of the issuing agency. The agency or committee preparing a publication may determine the date on which a publication may be released, except as otherwise provided by law.

**Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §501-A, sub-§5**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 299, §1, is amended to read:

**5. Electronic publishing.** An agency or committee ~~that electronically publishes information to the public is only~~ is only required to provide the State Librarian with only one printed copy of an electronically published publication if the agency or committee provides the State Librarian with an electronically published copy for the State Librarian to upload to the online repository maintained by the Maine State Library pursuant to Title 27, section 66 or the agency or committee uploads an electronically published copy to the online

repository maintained by the Maine State Library pursuant to Title 27, section 66. An electronically published publication is not required to be provided to the State Librarian if the publication is also published in print or in an electronic format and is provided to the State Librarian in compliance with subsection 4 or the publication is:

- A. Designed to provide the public with current information and is subject to frequent additions and deletions, such as current lists of certified professionals, daily updates of weather conditions or fire hazards; or
- B. Designed to promote the agency's services or assist citizens in use of the agency's services, such as job advertisements, application forms, advertising brochures, letters and memos.

**Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §43, 4th ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 436, §3, is amended to read:

The Governor shall, no later than December 31st annually, consolidate such reports into a public document entitled "the Maine State Government Annual Report" and shall cause them it to be printed and published in convenient form for distribution and sale as a public document entitled "The Maine State Government Annual Report" no later than December 31st published electronically in the online repository maintained by the State Librarian pursuant to Title 27, section 66 for permanent digital access to government documents. A minimum of 4 copies of the report must be printed and provided to the State Librarian for retention in the Maine State Library government documents collection and distribution to other libraries in the State for patron access.

**Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §43, 5th ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 436, §3, is repealed.

**Sec. 6. 27 MRSA §2, sub-§1, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. A, §185, is amended to read:

- F. Full and complete sets of all the documents ~~printed~~ published by the State; and

**Sec. 7. 27 MRSA §66**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 82, §6, is further 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. 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 the State Librarian's judgment seems proper. The~~ For the purpose of permanent public access to all department reports and other publications of the State as defined in Title 1, section 501-A, the State Librarian shall maintain a ~~document room~~ government documents collection at the Maine State Library and an online repository for permanent digital access to government documents in which 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.