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An act relating to the Department of Libraries

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 260 is amended to read:

§ 260. LOCATION OF OFFICES

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~~(c) The principal office of each of the following boards and divisions shall be located in Montpelier: Division for Historic Preservation and Board of Libraries.~~ [Repealed.]

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Sec. 2. 12 V.S.A. § 1699 is amended to read:

§ 1699. FOREIGN LAWS AND DECISIONS; DETERMINATION BY
COURT

The statutes, laws, and decisions of another state may be evidenced, prima facie, in the courts of this State by a printed copy thereof, which purports to be published by the authority of ~~such~~ the other state, or which is kept in the State Library ~~at Montpelier~~. The determination of ~~such~~ the laws shall be made by the court and not by the jury, and shall be reviewable.

Sec. 3. 16 V.S.A. § 212 is amended to read:

§ 212. SECRETARY'S DUTIES GENERALLY

The Secretary shall execute those policies adopted by the State Board in the legal exercise of its powers and shall:

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(7) Arrange conferences and summer schools for superintendents and teachers and employ suitable speakers, lecturers, and instructors for the same; fix the amount of tuition for the instruction; provide for educational gatherings, institutes, summer schools, and other supplementary educational activities; and provide for cooperation with the Board of Libraries established by 22 V.S.A. § 602 or the State Librarian.

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Sec. 4. 22 V.S.A. § 605 is amended to read:

§ 605. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
LIBRARIES

The duties and functions of the Department of Libraries shall be to provide, administer, and maintain:

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(2) A collection of ~~State documents and of documents relating to other states and local and federal governments~~ documents. It shall arrange for and designate depositories of State documents which designation is to include Bailey Howe Library at the University of Vermont. The Department may acquire reports and documents published by federal agencies and by other states and countries, and may arrange for the exchange of official reports and

publications with federal agencies, and with governmental agencies in other states and countries.

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(4) A general library collection of a sufficient size and scope to reinforce and supplement the resources of local ~~and regional~~ libraries. All materials of the Department of Libraries shall be available for free circulation to all citizens, institutions, and organizations under regulations of the State Librarian except that the State Librarian may restrict rare or reference-type materials to one location. The Department shall arrange, classify, and catalog all materials in its custody and provide for their safekeeping and shall rebind books as needed. The Department shall provide service to other libraries in the State, schools, and individuals and may provide service by mail or book wagon or otherwise.

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Sec. 5. 29 V.S.A. § 1108 is amended to read:

§ 1108. ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF BIDS; CONDITIONS OF
CONTRACTS

The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may require satisfactory bonds from bidders and contractors, ~~and shall specify in each contract for printing that, in case the matter contracted for is not delivered to the State Librarian or in accordance with his or her written order to such other~~

~~person as may be specified in the contract, on or before the date specified in the contract for such delivery, \$25.00 of the contract price shall be deducted for every day such delivery is delayed, and, in case the delay exceeds 10 days, there shall be deducted in addition to the above amount \$10.00 for each day's delay over 10 days; and he or she shall also specify in each contract that all public documents and printed matter shall be delivered to the State Librarian at the State Library unless otherwise directed in writing by him or her or the State Librarian. The provisions of this section and section 1107 of this title relating to advertising and bids shall not apply to a contract for printing where the amount of the contract does not exceed \$50.00.~~

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Sec. 6. [Deleted.]

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Sec. 7. REPEALS

The following are repealed:

- (1) 4 V.S.A. § 16 (briefs and other papers kept in State Library);
- (2) 29 V.S.A. § 1156 (distribution of documents by State Librarian); and
- (3) 29 V.S.A. § 1161 (distribution of documents to schools).

Sec. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.