

No. 53. An act relating to the printing and distribution of State publications.

(H.337)

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

Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 106 is amended to read:

§ 106. ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

After the original acts and resolutions of the General Assembly are delivered to the Secretary pursuant to section 104 of this title, the Secretary shall ~~then keep the originals on permanent file~~ cause a copy of the acts and resolutions to be prepared and printed and the original acts and resolutions to be preserved as State archival records pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 117.

Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. § 107 is amended to read:

§ 107. LEGISLATIVE CLERK

~~At the commencement of each session of the General Assembly, the~~ The Secretary of State shall ~~appoint and set the compensation of a legislative clerk, subject to the approval of the Governor~~ designate members of his or her staff as legislative clerks. The duties of ~~the legislative clerk~~ clerks shall be as follows:

- (1) to prepare a copy of the acts and resolutions for ~~the printer~~ designated by the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services printing;
- (2) ~~to prepare the joint assembly journals;~~
- ~~(3) to keep a register of lobbyists;~~

~~(4)~~(3) to prepare and distribute certified copies of resolutions as directed by the General Assembly;

~~(5)~~(4) to prepare index and tables of laws for the acts and resolves;

(5) to prepare a legislative directory containing appropriate matter by December 1 of each odd numbered year; and

(6) such other legislative duties as the Secretary shall assign.

Sec. 3. 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~~ of the laws, 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. 4. 22 V.S.A. § 601 is amended to read:

§ 601. APPOINTMENT OF STATE LIBRARIAN; POWERS AND DUTIES

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(c) The State Librarian shall distribute, in accordance with ~~29 V.S.A. §§ 1153a-1163 and other official lists maintained by the State Librarian~~ 22 V.S.A. § 611, the following State publications: Acts and Resolves of the General Assembly, the legislative directory, the Vermont Statutes Annotated, including cumulative pocket part supplements when issued and the journals of the Senate

and House of Representatives, ~~and other official documents.~~ The State Librarian shall maintain records of all documents that he or she distributes.

Sec. 5. 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~~ federal documents ~~and of documents relating to other states and local and federal governments.~~ It shall arrange for and designate depositories of State documents which designation is to include Bailey 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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Sec. 6. 22 V.S.A. § 611 is added to read:

§ 611. ACTS AND RESOLVES; VERMONT STATUTES ANNOTATED;
DISTRIBUTION

(a) The State Librarian shall deliver the Acts and Resolves as follows: to the Secretary of State, six copies; to the Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court for

the use of the Court, one copy; to the Governor's Office and to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, one copy each; to the Library of Congress, four copies; and upon request to other public officials and offices as quantities allow.

(b) The State Librarian shall distribute the copies of Vermont Statutes Annotated and any cumulative pocket part supplements, when issued, as follows:

(1) one each to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, the State Treasurer, Secretary of State, Auditor of Accounts, Adjutant General, Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, Commissioner of Taxes, Sergeant at Arms, and the head of each administrative department;

(2) four copies to the Attorney General; and

(3) upon request to each of the following:

(A) one to each town clerk;

(B) three to each county clerk;

(C) one to each Probate judge;

(D) two to the Clerk of the Supreme Court;

(E) one to each ex-Justice and Justice of the Supreme Court, Superior judge, and State's Attorney;

(F) two to the judge of the Second Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals from Vermont; and

(G) four to the U.S. district judges for the District of Vermont.

(c) Upon request, the State Librarian shall give:

(1) one copy of the Vermont Statutes Annotated and any cumulative pocket part supplements to a bar association, university, college, or public library that is located in Vermont; or

(2) one copy of the Acts and Resolves or the Vermont Statutes Annotated and any cumulative pocket part supplements to a member of the General Assembly.

(d) Additional copies may be sold to parties identified in this section at a price to be fixed by the State Librarian, provided that the sale is permitted by the publishing contract.

Sec. 7. 24 V.S.A. § 3905 is amended to read:

§ 3905. CERTIFIED COPY FOR TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

A copy officially certified by the compiler of the record shall be kept in the office of the town clerk ~~and in the State Library.~~

Sec. 8. REPEALS

The following are repealed:

(1) 4 V.S.A. § 16 (Briefs and other papers kept in State Library);

(2) 22 V.S.A. § 604 (Books and materials belonging to State);

(3) 29 V.S.A. § 1114 (Disposition of original journal);

(4) 29 V.S.A. § 1115 (Printing and distribution of the Acts and Resolves);

(5) 29 V.S.A. § 1116 (Distribution of public acts; Secretary of State);

(6) 29 V.S.A. § 1153a (Legislative directory);

(7) 29 V.S.A. § 1154 (Distribution of legislative directory);

(8) 29 V.S.A. § 1156 (Distribution of documents by State Librarian);

(9) 29 V.S.A. § 1157 (Copies for State officers);

(10) 29 V.S.A. § 1158 (Acts and Resolves; Vermont Statutes Annotated;

distribution);

(11) 29 V.S.A. § 1159 (Sale of Acts and Resolves);

(12) 29 V.S.A. § 1160 (Journals and calendars of Senate and House of

Representatives);

(13) 29 V.S.A. § 1161 (Distribution of State publications to schools);

(14) 29 V.S.A. § 1162 (Distribution of State publications to town and

city clerks); and

(15) 29 V.S.A. § 1163 (Distribution to newspapers).

Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.

Date Governor signed bill: June 3, 2021