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Substitute for House Bill No. 36.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 28, 1903. The Committee on the Judiciary reported through Mr. BANKS of Fairfield, Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the Bill ought to pass.

AN ACT

Concerning the Establishment of a State
Geological and Natural History Survey.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1903.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in General Assembly convened :*

1 SECTION 1. There is hereby established a state
2 geological and natural history survey which shall be
3 under the direction of a commission composed of the
4 governor, the president of Yale University, the presi-
5 dent of Wesleyan University, the president of Trinity
6 College, and the president of the Connecticut Agri-

7 cultural College, or so many of them as shall accept
8 said office, who shall serve without compensation, but
9 shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in
10 the performance of their official duties; and the said
11 commissioners shall have general charge of the sur-
12 vey, and shall appoint as superintendent of the same
13 a scientist of established reputation, and such assist-
14 ants and employés as they may deem necessary; and
15 they shall also determine the compensation of all per-
16 sons employed by the survey and may remove them
17 at pleasure.

1 SEC. 2. Said survey shall have for its objects:

2 (1) An examination of the geological formation of
3 the state, with special reference to its economic
4 products, to wit, building stones, clays, ores, and other
5 mineral substances.

6 (2) An examination of the animal and plant life of
7 the state with special reference to its economic and
8 educational value.

9 (3) The preparation of special maps to illustrate
10 the resources of the state.

11 (4) The preparation of special reports, with neces-
12 sary illustrations and maps, which shall embrace both

13 a general and detailed description of the geology and
14 natural history of the state.

1 SEC. 3. The said commissioners shall cause to
2 be prepared a report to the general assembly before
3 each meeting of the same, showing the progress and
4 condition of the survey, together with such other in-
5 formation as they may deem necessary and useful or
6 as the general assembly may require.

1 SEC. 4. The regular and special reports of the
2 survey, with proper illustrations and maps, shall be
3 prepared for publication, and when printed the reports
4 shall be distributed or sold by the commissioners as
5 the interests of the state and of science demand, and
6 all moneys obtained by the sale of the reports shall
7 be paid into the state treasury.

1 SEC. 5. All material collected, after having served
2 the purposes of the survey, shall be distributed by
3 the commissioners to the educational institutions of the
4 state in such manner as to be of the greatest advantage
5 to the educational interests of the state, or, if deemed ad-
6 visable by said commissioners, the whole or part of
7 such material shall be put on permanent exhibition.

1 SEC. 6. The sum of three thousand dollars, or so
2 much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appro-

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3 priated out of any money in the treasury not other-
4 wise appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the
5 provisions of this act.