

Department of Public Printing and Binding State Documents

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Summary Information

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Scope and Contents

As the head of the Department of Public Printing and Binding, the Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding was responsible for all reports made to the Governor by the heads of Departments, having them printed and bound, and delivered to the proper departments. The Superintendent also was responsible for printing and binding all matter ordered to be printed by the Legislature, purchased all paper and stock used except binding materials, as well as steel plates, cuts and electrotypes. The Superintendent further received bids and awarded contracts for furnishing paper, envelopes, and other supplies for furnishing halftone cuts, electrotypes, steel and other plates and for lithographic printing. Upon written requisition, the Division of Documents distributed all printed documents to the heads of the various departments of state government on behalf of the Department.

The publications of the Department of Public Printing and Binding contain annual reports. Selected topics from these publications include yearly happenings and statistics of the state bindery, and the report of the Superintendent.

Biographical / Historical

The Department of Public Printing and Binding was created by the Act approved February 7, 1905 (P.L. 3), and amended by the Acts of May 11, 1911 (P.L. 210), July 23, 1919 (P.L. 1128) and February 16, 1921 (P.L. 5). The Department was born as the successor to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding, which had existed since at least 1878. The Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding was appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Division of Documents was created by the Act of July 22, 1919 (P.L. 1097) that superseded the original Act of July 19, 1913 (P.L. 845). The Department was abolished in 1923.

Legacy Agency Names and Related Agencies

Office of the Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding (agency emerged from)

General

The 1913 Annual Report of the Superintendent of Public Printing and Binding is available on the Internet Archive: <https://archive.org/details/annualreport154unkngoog/page/n4/mode/2up>.

Administrative Information

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