

**PUBLIC DOCUMENTS, DISTRIBUTION AND PRESERVATION**  
**Act of Jun. 1, 1883, P.L. 52, No. 45**  
AN ACT

Cl. 71

To provide for a better distribution and the permanent preservation of public documents.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That every library, literary and scientific association, and historical society incorporated under the laws of this Commonwealth, and owning a library of two thousand or more volumes, shall be entitled to receive one well bound volume of each of the Executive and Legislative Documents hereafter published, and such other publications as are authorized by law to be printed by the State printer.

Section 2. Each of the said incorporated associations and societies, in order to avail itself of the benefits of this act, shall certify under its seal, or, if it has no seal, under the hands of its proper officers, that it comes within the requirements of section one of this act, which certificate shall be filed with the Superintendent of Public Printing, who shall enter in a book to be kept for that purpose the name and address of the association or society so certifying, and shall, as soon as practicable, forward to said associations and societies, the Executive and Legislative Documents and other publications aforesaid: Provided, It shall be the privilege of the State to recall any or all of the said volumes in the event of the loss of their own files by fire or other casualty: Provided further, That the provisions of this act shall not be construed as authorizing the State printer to issue more volumes of said documents than are now or may hereafter be provided for by law.