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An Act to regulate the printing of papers and books. *25 of 1909*
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[Commencement 1st January, 1910]

1. This Act may be cited as the Printing of Papers and Books Act. Short title.
2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation.

“paper” includes handbills, circulars, notices, newspapers and printed matter of every description, but does not include the printing of the name, or the name and address, or business or profession, or the telephonic or telegraphic address of any person, and the articles in which he deals, or papers for the sale of real or personal property by auction or otherwise, or programmes or other papers relating to any entertainment, or business advertisements;

“print” includes any mechanical mode of reproduction.
3. Every person who shall print in The Bahamas any paper or book whatsoever which shall be meant to be published or dispersed, and who shall fail to print upon the front of every such paper, if the same shall be printed on one side only, or upon the first or last leaf of every paper or book which shall consist of more than one leaf, in legible characters, his name and usual place of abode or business, or if he is the publisher of a newspaper the name of such newspaper and the name of the street and place where it is printed, and every person who shall print, publish or disperse, or cause to be printed, published or dispersed or assist in printing, publishing or dispersing any printed paper or book on which the name and place of abode or business of the person printing the same, or, if he is the publisher of a newspaper, the name of such newspaper and the name of the street and place where it is printed, shall not be printed as aforesaid, shall be liable to a penalty of five hundred dollars. Name of printer to be printed on papers and books.

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Printers to keep copy of paper and write name of employer thereon.

4. (1) Every person who shall print in The Bahamas any paper which shall be meant to be published or dispersed shall carefully preserve and keep one copy (at least) of every paper so printed by him, on which he shall write, or cause to be written or printed in legible characters, the name and place of abode or business of the person by whom he shall be employed to print the same, and shall keep or preserve such copy for the space of one year after the printing thereof and shall produce and show the same to any magistrate within the said space of one year on being served with notice in writing requiring him to produce the same under the hand and seal of such magistrate countersigned by the Attorney-General.

5 of 1987, s. 2.

(2) Every person failing to comply with any of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall be liable to a penalty of eighty dollars.

Publishing papers or books containing treasonable, etc., or defamatory matter.

5. Every person who shall within The Bahamas publish or disperse, or cause to be published or dispersed, or assist in publishing or dispersing any paper or book containing any drawing, painting, print, photograph or representation of any kind of a treasonable, seditious, blasphemous, immoral, indecent or obscene character, shall be liable to a penalty of one thousand dollars, or, if containing any defamatory matter relating to any other person, to a penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars.

5 of 1987, Sch.

Government papers.

6. Nothing in this Act contained shall extend to papers and books printed by the authority of the Government of The Bahamas or either House of Parliament.

Penalties.

7. All penalties imposed by this Act may be recovered summarily.

Fiat of Attorney-General.

8. No person shall be prosecuted for any offence against this Act except upon the fiat of the Attorney-General.