March 20, 1907

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was March 20, 1907, the day the Missouri Legislature established the Missouri Library Commission.

The legislation creating this commission would become law the following June, with the first commission receiving $5,000 in state funding.

Also in June of ’07, the first commission members would be appointed — one of whom served a two-year term, another four years and the third six years. In addition, the Missouri schools superintendent and the University of Missouri president were also on the panel.

On Sept. 14, 1907, the commission held its first meeting. By the following month, it would have its own office, in the old Missouri Supreme Court building, which was the Capitol annex..

In two years’ time, House Bill 173 would create the Missouri General Assembly library. By 1911, an index of each year’s legislation would be published and made available at the library.

But, it all started on March 20, 1907, the date marking establishment of the Missouri Library Commission, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

(Sources: *Missouri Library Commission Annual Report, Vol. 9* and *Missouri Senate Journal*)