

interests of Wisconsin, and with the approval of the governor, not more than seven hundred of the reports of the Washburn Observatory may be printed by the state printer on good paper, and otherwise in such manner and with such appropriate quality of binding as the commissioners of public printing shall order and prescribe, which shall be distributed in exchange for the publications of other scientific institutions, and for such other public purposes as the board of regents of the university may determine.

2. There is hereby appropriated from the state treasury, annually, out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated, a sufficient sum of money for the purposes of this act. Appropriation.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 283.

AN ACT to increase the efficiency of the state free library commission and making an appropriation therefor.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. For the purpose of increasing the efficiency of the state free library commission, provided by chapter 314, of the laws of Wisconsin, enacted in 1895, said commission is hereby given authority to appoint a secretary, not of its own number, who shall serve at the will of

Free library commission given authority to appoint a secretary: his duties, salary and expenses.

the commission, and for such compensation and under such conditions as shall to it seem adequate. It shall be the duty of said secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the commission, to keep accurate accounts of its financial transactions, to have charge of its work in organizing new libraries and improving those already established, and in general to perform such duties as may, from time to time, be assigned him by said commission. In addition to his salary, he shall be allowed his actual and necessary traveling expenses, while absent from his office upon the service of the commission, such expenses, when approved by the chairman, or acting chairman, to be certified under oath to the secretary of state, in the same manner as other bills incurred by the commission. Said commission shall also have the authority to engage, from time to time, as desired, such other clerical and expert assistance as shall be requisite in the performance of the work of the commission, as set forth in said chapter 314, laws of Wisconsin for 1895.

\$4,000 appropriated.

**SECTION 2.** For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the foregoing section, and in lieu of the sum of five hundred dollars annually appropriated to said free library commission under section 3, of chapter 314, laws of Wisconsin for 1895, there is hereby annually appropriated from the general funds in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of four thousand dollars.

Room in capitol printing, stationery, etc., allowed.

**SECTION 3.** The commission shall further be allowed the use of a suitable office in the capitol; but may, upon the completion of the building now being erected for the state historical society, remove its quarters thereto. For the equipment and maintenance of the office of the commission, the superintendent of public property shall, on the warrant of the secretary, furnish the customary stationery and supplies; the secretary of state shall audit, and cause to be paid from the state treasury, the duly certified bills of the commission, for postage, expressage,

drayage, and telegraphing, as for other state offices, and the state printer, upon approval of the commissioners of public printing, shall print such circulars, labels, and blanks as may be required in the service of the commission.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 284.

AN ACT to continue an appropriation of money to the university of Wisconsin.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. The state tax of one-fifth of one mill directed to be levied and collected by chapter two hundred and forty-one, of the general laws of Wisconsin for the year 1895, shall be continued after the lapse of the time therein mentioned, and so continued shall be levied and collected annually, and is hereby appropriated to the university fund income of the university of Wisconsin, for current or administration expenditures, and the construction, in the order of greatest need therefor, of such additional buildings and works, and the enlargement and repair of buildings and works, as in their judgment shall be absolutely required, and can be completed within the appropriation so made; provided, that one-fourth part of the moneys so

State tax of one-fifth of one mill for state university continued.