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CHAPTER 91.

AN ACT "To authorize the establishment of traveling and permanent libraries by counties and to permit counties to receive gifts of lands, buildings, money, books or other property for the permanent use and maintenance of the same."

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

County board may appoint board of libraries. SECTION 1. The board of supervisors of any county may establish a board of libraries, and elect five directors thereof, of either sex, who may hold their office for three years, and until their successors are qualified, excepting the first year, when there shall be elected two directors for one year, two for two years and one for three years. Their term of office shall begin at once on their first election, but thereafter at the same date with county officers. Vacancies shall be filled by similar election of a successor to complete the term. No compensation or expenses whatever shall be allowed said directors.

Officers of board; powers of. SECTION 2. The said directors shall, upon a date appointed by the chairman of the county board, within thirty days after their first election, elect from their number a president, vice president, secretary and such other officers as they may deem necessary, and thereafter hold their annual election on the last Wednesday in January. They may make and adopt rules and by-laws for their own guidance, and of the county traveling libraries and officers thereof or of such permanent libraries established under section 7 of this act. They shall have the exclusive control of the expenditures of all moneys appropriated, or property or money donated for the uses of the county traveling libraries, or such permanent libraries, and the establishment, location, supervision, care, control and custody of such libraries; but shall not allow or pay any sums whatever for the keeping, care, transporting or librarian service of such county traveling libraries. They shall have exclusive charge and control of all lands, buildings, moneys or property devised, bequeathed or given to any county for libraries.

Supervising librarian and duties of. SECTION 3. The said board of libraries may appoint a supervising librarian for such such county traveling libraries, at a salary not to exceed fifty dollars per annum, whose duty it shall be to arrange the books in their cases and repair them when slightly injured, keep the records, instruct the librarians of county traveling libraries in their duty, and perform such other duties as directed by the said board. Such supervising librarian shall be a resident of the county, of either sex, and may be permitted such expenses, as necessary travel in establishing county traveling libraries, or other expenses found necessary in the interest of the county traveling libraries. Such salary and expenses to be paid by the county board on the certificate of president and secretary of the board of libraries.

Duty of board as to books. SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of the board of libraries to purchase suitable books for the county traveling libraries, arrange them in proper cases, and distribute such cases of books to as many districts as equally distant from each other as their means will permit, with the object in view of finally serving libraries within easy reach of all the people of the county. Such libraries may be located at suitable places in any town, village or city, within the county, and not permitted to remain in one location longer than six months, except upon application of not less than five patrons holding cards in such library, when such time may be extended not to exceed thirty days. Upon such removal another library may be loaned in its place successively for similar periods.

Appropriation for maintenance of libraries. SECTION 5. For the purpose of such county traveling libraries any county may appropriate the first year not to exceed five hundred dollars and thereafter annually not to exceed two hundred dollars. Such money shall be retained by the treasurer of the county in a separate fund. It shall be paid out on order of the board of libraries, signed by its president and secretary. All the books, property, moneys, donations, devises, bequests or gifts, bought or appropriated or given for the purposes of this act, shall remain the property of the county for the uses herein enacted.

Free Library Commission to advise. SECTION 6. The Wisconsin Free Library Commission may advise any board of libraries as far as practicable in the conduct of its work.

County may receive devises, bequests, etc. SECTION 7. Any county may receive by devise, bequests or gifts of lands, buildings, money, books or other property for the pur-

pose of establishing a public library for the county and may enter into an agreement to maintain a public library in consideration thereof, and shall be bound to faithfully perform such agreement. In such case the said board of libraries have full power to properly administer the same.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 92.

AN ACT providing for the separate assessment of land and the buildings and improvements thereon, and amendatory of section 1052, of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898.

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

Value of lands and improvements to be entered separately. SECTION 1. Section 1052, of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898, is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following words: "In one column he shall enter the value of the land, exclusive of the buildings thereon; in a separate column under the head "improvements," he shall enter the value of such buildings, together with machinery and fixtures therein, if any, not separately assessable, as personal property; and in the third column he shall enter the value of both land and improvements."

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage and publication.

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