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CHAPTER 43.

AN ACT to amend section 931 of the statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter 89 of the laws of 1899, as amended by chapter 203 of the laws of 1901, relating to the establishment of free public libraries.

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

SECTION 1. Section 931, of the statutes of 1898, as amended by chapter 89 of the laws of 1899, as amended by chapter 203 of the laws of 1901, is hereby amended by striking out the words "containing over one thousand inhabitants," where they occur in said section, so that said section shall read as follows:

Establishment and maintenance of library; treasurer of library fund. Section 931. The common council of every city of the second, third or fourth classes, and the board of trustees of every village, and the board of every town, * * * may establish, equip and maintain a public library and reading room, or maintain and support any public library and reading room already established therein, and may annually levy and cause to be collected as other general taxes are collected, a tax upon the taxable property of such city, village or town, to provide a library fund, which fund shall be kept by the treasurer separate from other money of the city, village or town, to be used exclusively to maintain such library and reading room; provided that in lieu of supporting and maintaining such a public library and reading room, the common council of every city of the classes named, having a board of education may, when deemed best for the interests of the city, levy such tax and authorize the board of education of such city to apply and expend the same in aid of the maintenance of any secular or non-sectarian public library and reading room, free to all inhabitants of such city, already established and maintained therein by any society, association or corporation, and the city treasurer shall pay on the order of such board of education to such society, association or corporation, the money so raised for such aid out of such library tax fund. In all cases the treasurer of the city, village or town shall be ex-officio the treasurer of the fund used for library purposes, and said money shall be drawn from

said treasury as the same is expended for the uses of the said library from time to time.

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

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CHAPTER 44.

AN ACT to amend section 890 of the statutes of 1898, relating to village boards.

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

Village board; question of salary of to be submitted to vote.

SECTION 1. Section 890 of the statutes of 1898, is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 890. The trustees of each village shall constitute a board designated "The village board of," (name of village,) in which shall be vested all the powers of the village not specifically given some other officer. Four trustees shall constitute a quorum, but a less number may adjourn from time to time. The president shall preside at all meetings when present. In his absence the board may select another trustee to preside. Regular meetings shall be held at such times as may be prescribed by their by-laws. Special meetings may be called by any two trustees in writing, filed with the clerk, who shall thereupon seasonably notify all the trustees of the time and place thereof in the manner directed by the by-laws. All meetings shall be open to the public. The board shall keep a record of all its proceedings, shall have power to preserve order at its meetings, compel attendance of trustees and punish non-attendance, and it shall be judge of the election and qualification of its members. *The president and board of trustees may by resolution determine that an annual salary be paid the president and trustees after the next election. The question whether the provisions of such resolution shall take effect and be in force, shall be submitted to the people of said*