

Senate Bill 116

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CHAPTER 18

AN ACT to repeal 43.11, 43.12 and 43.16; to renumber 20.380 and 43.13; to renumber and amend 20.930 (1) (a) (line 21); to amend 20.535 (intro. par.), as renumbered, and 43.14; and to repeal and recreate 43.09 of the statutes, relating to the title, duties and authority of the free library commission.

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

SECTION 1. 20.380 of the statutes is renumbered 20.535 and 20.535 (intro. par.), as renumbered, is amended to read:

20.535 (intro. par.) There is appropriated from the general fund to the free Wisconsin library commission:

SECTION 2. 20.930 (1) (a) (line 21) of the statutes is renumbered 20.930 (1) (a) (line 29a) and amended to read:

20.930 (1) (a)
29a ~~20.380~~ 20.535 (1) Free Library commission,
~~secretary director~~ ----- NE 12,500

SECTION 3. 43.09 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

43.09 LIBRARY COMMISSION. (1) The governor shall appoint 4 persons for terms of 5 years each, who, with the president of the university, the state superintendent and the director of the state historical society, or their designated representatives, shall constitute the Wisconsin library commission. In making such appointments, the governor shall give special consideration to persons who have demonstrated a knowledge of and an interest in the purposes and functions of public libraries. The officers of the commission shall be a chairman to be elected from the members thereof for the term of one year. The commission shall appoint a director, not of its own number, under such conditions as it deems adequate. Commissioners shall not be compensated for their services but shall receive actual and necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Expense accounts of commissioners shall be approved by the chairman and director. The commission shall make a biennial report to the governor.

(2) The director shall keep a record of the proceedings of the commission, keep accurate accounts of its financial transactions, have charge of its work in organizing new libraries and improving those already established, and in general perform such duties as may be assigned him by the commission. Expense accounts of the director shall be approved by the chairman or acting chairman.

(3) The commission shall establish a library in charge of an officer especially qualified and shall purchase books, periodicals and supplies and

may accept gifts for the library. The commission shall assist state officers, members of the legislature and other citizens who are studying the growth and development of the affairs and institutions of this state and assist the public libraries in the state in completing files of state publications and in so arranging them as to be of use to citizens of their several localities. The commission may add to its library books of permanent value to students, and loan such books, singly or in collections, to public libraries, schools, women's clubs, debating societies or students who are interested in investigating social, political and educational problems, or studying literature, science or art, and furnish with such books suitable outlines for study. It is the purpose of this provision to make possible in small communities by temporary supplies of good books, such serious study of worthy subjects as is not ordinarily possible to persons who have no access to large libraries, and to promote the organization and welfare of associations for serious study. The commission may also co-operate with other state library commissions and libraries in the publication of documents in order to secure the more economical administration of the work for which it was formed.

(4) The commission shall give advice to all public libraries and to all communities which may propose to establish them as to the best means of establishing and administering such libraries, selecting and cataloguing books, and other details of library management, and may send any of its members or staff assistants to aid in organizing such libraries or in the improvement of those established. It may hold librarians' institutes in various parts of the state in order to train librarians to be better educators, to make wiser and more effective use of the libraries in their charge and to aid them in building up a system of popular education for people who have finished their education in schools. It may circulate books to be loaned to individuals, public libraries and charitable and penal institutions, under such conditions and instructions as shall make them the greatest good to the greatest number. The commission shall encourage the growth of study clubs.

SECTION 4. 43.11 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 5. 43.12 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 6. 43.13 of the statutes is renumbered 35.85 (11m).

SECTION 7. 43.14 of the statutes is amended to read:

43.14 The ~~secretary~~ *director* of ~~said free~~ *the* library commission is hereby directed to ascertain and report to the department of administration what public libraries, in the state, containing more than 1,000 volumes, including the libraries of state colleges, academies and colleges, can suitably care for and advantageously use, public documents printed by the state. The ~~secretary of said commission~~ *director* shall designate such libraries as depositories of state documents and shall, from time to time, prepare lists of such depositories for the use of the department of administration. The department of administration is hereby directed to shall furnish each library which is designated as a depository of state documents one set of public documents, as they are published, and also copies of such other reports and documents, printed at the expense of the state, as may be of general interest and supplied to it in sufficient numbers to meet such demand.

SECTION 8. 43.16 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 9. Wherever the word "free" is used in sections 43.10 and 43.165 (1) and (4), of the statutes, in connection with the term "library commission", it is deleted.

SECTION 10. Wherever the term "free library commission" is used in the following sections of the statutes, the term "Wisconsin library commission" is substituted: 14.95 (9), 35.85 (2) and (6), 35.86 (1), 43.17 (2), 43.255 (6) and (7), 43.27 (5), 43.28 (3), 43.31 and 43.34 (1) and (2).

SECTION 11. Wherever the term "secretary" is used in conjunction with the term "library commission" in section 43.17 (2) of the statutes the term "director" is substituted.

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