

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.
Approved March 4, 1875.

CHAPTER 269.

AN ACT to amend section 6, of chapter 323, laws of 1874, an act for the relief of S. D. Carpenter.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Amended.

No sum to be paid until award is ratified by legislature.

Actions may be brought upon failure of legislature to ratify award.

SECTION 1. Section six (6), of chapter three hundred and twenty-three (323), laws of 1874, entitled, "an act for the relief of S. D. Carpenter," is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section six (6). It is hereby expressly declared by this act, that no sum shall be paid to the said assignee until the next legislature shall ratify the award or finding, if any, of the same accountant and commissioners of public printing as herein provided. Nothing in this section contained shall be construed to prevent the recovery of what may be found to be justly and equitably due said claimant according to the principles of this act, in case such legislature shall neglect or refuse to ratify the award of such accountant and commissioners, an action thereon may be brought by said claimant to recover the same.

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

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CHAPTER 270.

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AN ACT to protect public libraries and the libraries of literary, scientific, historical, and library associations and societies.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Any person who shall wilfully, mali-

ciously, or wantonly tear, deface or mutilate, or by other means injure any book, pamphlet, map, chart, painting or picture, belonging to any public library, or to any library, the property of any library, scientific, historical or library society or association, whether incorporated or unincorporated, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than ten nor more than sixty days, in the discretion of the court; and all justices of the peace in their respective counties shall have jurisdiction to hear, try and determine all prosecutions under this act.

Penalty for mutilating library property.

SECTION 2. Any person who shall procure or take in any way whatever from the library of any public library, or library of any literary, scientific, historical or library society or association whatever, incorporated or not, any book, pamphlet, map, chart, painting or picture, with intent to convert the same to his own use, or who shall convert the same to his own use, with intent to defraud the owner thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten, nor more than one hundred dollars, or, in the discretion of the courts, by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than three months.

Penalty for taking property belonging to library.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of every librarian, board of trustees, directors, or other officers or persons having charge or control of any such library as is mentioned in this act, to post up in one or more conspicuous place in the room or rooms where the same shall be kept, a printed copy of this act.

Duty of certain officers to post copies of this act.

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

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