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CHAPTER 296.

AN ACT substituting a fixed cash appropriation for the percentage tax levies heretofore authorized by the laws of 1895 and 1897, for the construction of the state historical library building and making an additional appropriation for completing the construction of said building, except the northwest wing, and for equipping and furnishing the same, ready for occupancy.

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

SECTION 1. The appropriations for the construction of the state historical library building, made by section 5, chapter 298, laws of Wisconsin for 1895, and by section 1 of chapter 237, laws of Wisconsin for 1897, are hereby repealed except as to the appropriations therein made which became payable from the taxes of 1897 and 1898, and which have already been collected and paid. In lieu of the appropriations previously made by said chapter 298, laws for 1895, and chapter 237, laws for 1897, except so far as the same have already been collected and paid for the years 1897 and 1898, and for the purpose of completing the construction of said library building, except the now unconstructed northwest wing, and for the further purpose of equipping and furnishing the said building, there is hereby appropriated to the board of building commissioners created by said chapter 298, laws for 1895, from any moneys in the general fund of the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars. This amount shall be payable to the said board of building commissioners as follows: One hundred thousand dollars thereof in

Tax levies repealed.

Specific appropriation substituted.

When payable.

the year 1899; one hundred thousand dollars thereof in the year 1900; one hundred thousand dollars thereof in the year 1901; one hundred thousand dollars thereof in the year 1902; and one hundred thousand dollars thereof in the year 1903, the same to be paid by the state treasurer as above specified on warrants drawn by the secretary of state in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of said chapter 298 of the laws of 1895, provided, however, that not more than three hundred thousand dollars of the moneys to be used in the completion of the construction, equipment and furnishing of said library building shall be paid out until the board of building commissioners aforesaid shall have first let the contracts for fully constructing, equipping and furnishing the said historical library building, except the now unconstructed northwest wing. Such contracts to be within the amount of this appropriation, and to be accompanied by good and sufficient bonds for the faithful performance thereof, to be approved as to form and sufficiency by the governor.

Governor to approve bonds of contractor.

Board of building commissioners authorized to borrow.

SECTION 2. To enable the board of building commissioners aforesaid, to expedite the completion of the construction, equipment and furnishing of said library building, they are hereby authorized to borrow the moneys necessary therefor, to the extent only of the appropriation made by section one of this act, from the trust funds of the state; and the commissioners of the public lands of the state are hereby authorized to lend the same to said board of building commissioners, at the minimum rate of interest prescribed by law for the loan of said trust funds, such loans to be payable at the times the appropriations made by section one of this act are payable, and to be paid from such appropriations. For all loans provided for in this section, the acting president and secretary of said board of building commissioners, shall execute officially to the commissioners of the public lands, certificates of indebtedness in the form prescribed by

the attorney general of the state, which shall as they mature, be paid from the appropriations made in section one of this act.

SECTION 3. Paragraph 8 of section 376 of the Wisconsin statutes of 1898, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "duties" in the third printed line thereof, the words "and for heating, lighting and otherwise maintaining the state historical library building" so that said paragraph when amended shall read as follows: "8. To keep its rooms open at all reasonable hours on business days for the reception of the citizens of this state who may wish to visit the same, without fee.

Appropriation
for maintenance
of library
building.

And for the purpose of aiding in the performance of said duties, and for heating, lighting and otherwise maintaining the state historical library building there is hereby annually appropriated to said society, from and after the time it shall remove to and occupy its new building, fifteen thousand dollars, and until it shall remove and occupy the same there is hereby annually appropriated to said society five thousand dollars. The executive committee of said society shall keep a correct account of the manner of expenditure of the money hereby appropriated, and report annually to the governor a detailed statement of such expenditure.

SECTION 4. All laws of the state contravening, or inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 28, 1899.