

performance of light duties in such department when in their judgment it shall be advisable. No person shall be entitled to receive any benefit from any such fund other than that prescribed by this act and in no event shall any allowance be paid to any widow after her remarriage or to any minor child after it attains the age of sixteen years.

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

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## CHAPTER 168.

AN ACT to provide for the cataloging and library distribution of public documents by the Wisconsin free library commission, and otherwise extending and defining the duties of said commission, and making an appropriation therefor, and adding sections 373c, 373d, 373e, 373f, 373g, 373h, and 373i, to the statutes of 1898.

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

**To make check list of public documents; distribution by commission; to maintain library in capitol; printing for commission; additions to library; appropriation.** SECTION 1. New sections are hereby added to the statutes of 1898, to be known as sections 373c, 373d, 373e, 373f, 373g, 373h, and 373i, which shall read as follows: Section 373c. The Wisconsin free library commission is hereby authorized and directed to make an explanatory check list of the several public documents of the state, including all reports, circulars and bulletins issued by the various state departments, boards and commissions, and to publish this list, and supplementary lists as they may be required, in such form and with such notes as to show the scope and purpose of such publication; to 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; also to assist the public libraries in the state, in completing files of such

publications and in so arranging them as to be of use to citizens of their several localities. The said free library commission is also directed to prepare and print catalog cards of said public documents for the card catalogs of the said public libraries, and for the executive and administrative departments of the state. Section 373d. The state printer is hereby directed promptly to deliver to the secretary of the commission, as printed, three copies of each message, report, journal, legislative bill, bulletin, circular, or set of bound public documents of whatever character, printed at the expense of the state. He shall also deliver to the secretary of the commission sets of the bound volumes of the public documents, and copies of each message, report, journal, bulletin or circular printed by him at the expense of the state, said delivery not to exceed in quantity one for each state normal school library or public library in the state, organized under section 931 of the statutes of 1898, containing more than one thousand volumes, and one for each of the libraries of colleges, state institutions academies or associations, possessing over one thousand volumes, as may be designated by said commission as repositories of public documents. Section 373e. The said free library commission is hereby directed to deliver one copy of each state publication, above specified, to the library of each state normal school, and to such other public, collegiate, institutional or association libraries possessing over one thousand volumes, as may be said commission, after investigations of their capacity for properly caring for the same, be designated as depositories for public documents. Section 373f. The said commission is also authorized and directed to maintain in the state capitol, for the use and information of the legislature, the several state departments, and such other citizens as may desire to consult the same, a working library, as complete as may be, of the several public documents of this and other states; and to purchase for said library standard works of use and references. The said commission is also hereby authorized and directed to co-operate, during sessions of the legislature, with the secretary and superintendent of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, as trustee of the state, with a view to a joint arrangement, by which the needs of the legislature in the matter of general books of reference may be met to the fullest possible extent; and said commission shall give such space within its rooms to books brought to the capitol by said society for such purpose, as may be jointly agreed upon between them. Section 373g. The printing of all necessary cards for card catalogs, check lists and supplementary lists provided for in this act, shall be done by the state printer upon the order of the commissioners of printing, and the neces-

sary cards, shelving, traveling library cases and other library supplies shall be furnished by the superintendent of public property upon warrant from the secretary of commission. Section 373h. The said free library commission is also authorized to add to its working library books of permanent value to students, and to loan such books, singly or in traveling libraries, to public libraries, schools, women's clubs, debating societies, university extension circles or students who are interested in investigating social, political and educational problems, or studying literature, science or art, and to furnish with such traveling libraries 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 not access to large libraries, and to promote the organization and welfare of associations for serious study. Section 373i. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, there shall be and is hereby annually appropriated to the Wisconsin free library commission, from any money in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, not in addition to such sums as have been heretofore appropriated, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, and any balance not expended in any one year may be added to the expenditure for the next ensuing year.

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

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## CHAPTER 169.

AN ACT to amend sub-section 29 of section 925-52, of sub-chapter 7 of chapter 40a of statutes of 1898, relating to powers of city councils.

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

**Council may accept gifts, etc., of personal property.** SECTION

1. Sub-section 29 of section 925-52 of sub-chapter 7 of chapter 40a of statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by adding at the