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CHAPTER 640.

AN ACT to create 20.14 (5), 59.08 (48m) and 43.32 of the statutes, relating to a demonstration of library service, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.14 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

20.14 (5) DEMONSTRATION LIBRARY SERVICE. On July 1, 1949, \$25,000, and annually, beginning July 1, 1950, \$50,000 for execution of its functions under section 43.32. Of this there is allotted not to exceed \$5,000 for surveys and negotiations to select an area for the service.

SECTION 2. 59.08 (48m) of the statutes is created to read:

59.08 (48m) LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION SERVICE. Appropriate funds and enter into contracts to carry out a single library demonstration service in accordance with section 43.32.

SECTION 3. 43.32 of the statutes is created to read:

43.32 DEMONSTRATION, AREA-WIDE LIBRARY SERVICE. (1) DECLARATION OF POLICY. (a) It is declared to be the policy in enacting this section to establish a single demonstration library service in a limited predominantly rural area of the state now lacking an efficient coverage by existing library systems. Such service shall be established through state and local co-operation for a limited period of time to demonstrate its value as an important educational and informational asset for people of all ages and circumstances, to prove and perfect more efficient and economical procedures and units of operation than now obtained, and to create in the demonstration area sufficient interest and popular support to justify continuance of the service locally at the end of the demonstration period.

(b) It is further declared to be the policy that the operation of the service be primarily under local control with sufficient guidance and supervision from the commission to insure that the objectives may be realized. To achieve these ends, the commission may contract with local authorities to establish and operate a specified type of service in return for support with state funds up to one-half of the total budget for the duration of the demonstration period.

(2) DEFINITIONS. As used in this section:

(a) "Commission" means the free library commission.

(b) "Committee" means the people's county library committee.

(c) "Director" means the director of the demonstration area.

(d) "Demonstration library board" means the special library board establishing policy in the demonstration area.

(e) "Municipality" means a city or incorporated village only.

(3) DURATION OF DEMONSTRATION. Such service shall be operated not to exceed 3 years from actual commencement thereof in the area selected and in no event after June 30, 1953.

(4) SELECTION OF THE DEMONSTRATION AREA. The commission shall select a single area in the state for the purposes of this section.

(5) CONSENT OF AREA AFFECTED. No part of any county shall be included in a demonstration area without approval of the county board and no municipality may be included without approval of its governing body made after consultation with its library board, if any. Any municipality may be added to an area subsequent to initiation of such service upon approval of its governing body, the demonstration library board and the commission.

(6) PEOPLE'S COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE. In each county included in a demonstration area, a people's library committee shall be appointed by the chairman of the county board to advise the demonstration library board in matters of policy and to act as an educational liaison group between the people, the library board and the commission. The commission may establish general principles governing representation on the committee. Members of the committee may also serve on the demonstration library board.

(7) DEMONSTRATION LIBRARY BOARD. (a) In every demonstration area, a demonstration library board shall be appointed by the chairman of the county board of supervisors from a panel nominated by the committee. Each board shall elect its own officers but no person holding office through county-wide election shall serve as an officer thereof.

(b) In areas wholly within one county such board shall consist of 9 members.

(c) In areas lying in more than one county one member shall be appointed from each county for each 5,000 population or major fraction thereof residing within the area in such county included in the service.

(8) CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT. The demonstration library board shall appoint the director for the demonstration area upon recommendation of the commission. The director shall manage and control the service subject to general policies established by the commission. The commission may set minimum standards for personnel to be employed and review expenditures quarterly.

(9) HEADQUARTERS. Headquarters for the demonstration area shall be selected by the demonstration library board, subject to approval by the commission.

(10) EXISTING SYSTEMS AFFECTED. (a) In the area selected for demonstration service, the provisions of this section shall supersede any other provision of the statutes in conflict therewith for the duration of the demonstration.

(b) Personnel of existing libraries included in a demonstration area shall not be adversely affected by this section as to civil service status, tenure, retirement, or salary.

(c) Real or personal property belonging to an existing library so included shall remain the property of such local library.

(11) FISCAL POLICIES. (a) The demonstration service shall be equipped and maintained by the county or counties included but the commission may contract in advance with such county or counties to defray not to exceed one-half of the actual cost.

(b) The initial tentative budget may be outlined in the contract. Subsequent tentative budgets shall be prepared by the director subject to review by the demonstration library board and the commission. All tentative budgets shall be subject to section 65.90 and to final approval of the county board of supervisors.

(c) The state's share of expenses shall be paid quarterly in advance in accordance with the approved budget and the contract to the treasurer of each participating county pro rata, upon determination and certification by the commission to the director of budget and accounts.

(d) Expenses of the demonstration area not defrayed by the state shall be apportioned among the participating counties, according to the total state equalized assessment of the participating towns, cities and villages therein.

(e) Each county included shall prorate its budgeted expenditures annually among the towns, cities and villages participating in the service according to their state equalized assessments and the same shall be assessed, levied, collected and paid over to the county treasury by the treasurer of each such town, city or village annually in the same man-

ner as other county taxes. No part of any expense incurred under this section shall be levied against any property within a city, village or town not included within the demonstration area.

(f) Vouchers for expenditures for demonstration services within the budget shall be examined and approved by the county clerk when certified to him by the director and when so approved shall be paid by the county treasurer. In areas containing more than one county, the treasurer of one county specified in the contract shall act as disbursing agent and shall recover from the treasury of the other participating counties their pro rata share of such expense monthly.

(g) The department of state audit shall assist and advise the commission and demonstration library boards in establishing a uniform system of accounting for demonstration areas.

Vetoed. Passed over veto September 13, 1949.
