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## CHAPTER 288.

AN ACT to amend chapter 426, laws of 1887, entitled, "an act to appropriate a portion of the common school fund income for the purchase of a school library."

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

Amending ch. 426, laws 1887, purchase of school libraries. Treasurer to withhold portion of school fund income.

SECTION 1. Chapter 426, of the general laws of 1887, entitled, "an act to appropriate a portion of the common school fund for the purchase of a school library," is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 1. The treasurer of each town in this state may withhold annually from the money received from the school fund income, for the several school districts whose school-houses are located in the town of which he is the treasurer, an amount equal to ten cents for each person of school age residing in such school districts for the purchase of books as hereinafter provided. Section 2. Between the tenth day of July and the thirty-first day of August in each year, the town clerk, with such assistance as he may be able to obtain from the county superintendent of schools, shall expend all money withheld by the town treasurer, as provided in section 1, of this act, in the purchase of books selected from the lists prepared by the state superintendent as hereinafter provided, for the use of the several school districts from which money has been so withheld, and he shall distribute the books thus selected and purchased, among the several school districts in proportion to the sums of money withheld from each. Section 3. It is hereby made the duty of the state superintendent to prepare annually or biennially, as he may deem necessary, lists of books suitable for use in school district libraries, and furnish copies of such lists to each town clerk and each county superintendent, as often as the same shall be published or revised, from which lists the several town clerks shall select and purchase books for use in the public school libraries in the several towns of the

Clerks to purchase books.

State superintendent to prepare lists and furnish to town clerks.

state, as provided in this act. Section 4. It shall be the duty of each town clerk to keep a complete record of the books purchased by him, and distributed to the several school districts, and he is hereby authorized from time to time, as he may deem necessary, to collect and re-distribute among the several school districts, the books purchased under the provisions of this act, in the same manner as provided for first distribution, to the end that each district may have the use of all books purchased for use in the school district libraries of the town. For such services properly rendered, the town clerk shall be allowed the usual per diem of two dollars per day for the time actually and necessarily spent. Section 5. Unless the school district shall, at the annual meeting, elect some other person to be librarian of the district, the district clerk shall act as librarian for the district, and shall receive and have the care and custody of the books distributed to the district, pursuant to the provisions of this act, and shall loan them to teachers, pupils and other residents of the district in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the state superintendent. The state superintendent shall have authority to suspend the operation of this act for any year in any or every town, by giving due notice of such suspension to the respective town clerks on or before the tenth day of June.

Clerk to keep record of books purchased, to distribute and collect books.

District clerk to be librarian.

State superintendents may suspend operation of act.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved April 8, 1889.