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**CHAPTER 532.**

AN ACT to create section 4422f of the statutes, relating to frauds on keepers of livery stables and other persons.

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

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read:

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(In effect from and after date of publication.)

No. 107, S.]

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**CHAPTER 533.**

AN ACT to amend section 376 of the statutes, as amended, and increasing the appropriation for administrative purposes, made to the State Historical society of Wisconsin, as trustee of the state.

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

SECTION 1. Section 376 of the statutes, as amended by chapter 296, laws of 1899, by chapter 155, laws of 1901 and by chapter 61, laws of 1903, is amended to read:

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

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*and special laws, indexing bills and also for indexing documents and journals from the beginning of the history of the state.*

(Ch. 508 1907.)

**Free library commission: special equipment and supplies.** SECTION 373m. The free library commission is authorized to purchase out of its appropriation from time to time necessary special equipment or supplies not ordinarily kept in stock by the state superintendent of public property.

(Ch. 203, 1907.)

**Historical society: objects; appropriations.** SECTION 376. 1. It shall be the duty of said society: (a) To collect books, maps, charts, and other papers and materials illustrative of the history of this state in particular and of the west generally.

(b) To procure from the early pioneers narrative of their exploits, perils and adventures.

(c) To procure facts and statements relative to the history, progress and decay of our Indian tribes so as to exhibit faithfully the antiquities and the past and present resources and conditions of this state.

(d) To purchase books to supply deficiencies in the various departments of its collections, and especially reports on the legislation of other states, on railroads and geological surveys and of educational and humane institutions, for legislative reference, and such other books, maps, charts and materials as will facilitate the investigation of historical, scientific and literary subjects.

(e) To bind the unbound books, documents, manuscripts, pamphlets, and especially newspaper files containing legal notices, in its possession.

(f) To thoroughly catalogue the entire collections of said society for the more convenient reference of all persons who have occasion to consult the same.

(g) To prepare biennially for publication a report of its collections, and such other matters relating to the transactions of the society as may be useful to the public.

(h) 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.

2. 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 \* \* \* *the sum of twenty thousand dollars.* Any balance of said annual appropriation not expended in any one year may be added to the expenditures of the next ensuing year.

3. For the purpose of purchasing books, periodicals, maps, manuscripts, and kindred articles for its reference library, there is hereby [ \* \* \* ] appropriated to the state historical society of Wisconsin, as trustee of the state, the sum of five thousand dollars, out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated. Any balance not expended in any one year may be added to the expenditures of the next ensuing year. This sum is in addition to the existing annual appropriation to said trustee.

4. 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.

(Ch. 533, 1907.)

**Records of state offices to be transferred to historical society; certified copies.** SECTION 376m. For the purpose of the permanent preservation and expert indexing of state records, any state official is hereby authorized and empowered to transfer to the custody of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, in its capacity as trustee for the state, any records, documents, original papers, manuscripts, newspaper files, or printed books not specifically required by law to be retained in the office of such official as a part of the public records, five years after the current use of the same, or sooner in the discretion of the head of the department. After such transference of said records or other material, copies therefrom shall on application of any citizen of Wisconsin interested therein, be made and certified by the secretary and superintendent of said State Historical Society, or his authorized representative in charge, which certification shall have all the force and effect as if made by the official originally in custody of them.

(Ch. 88, 1907. Numbered "376m" by Sec. 3, Ch. 676, 1907.)

**Classification and publicity of the records.** Said State Historical Society is hereby required, as soon as practicable, adequately and conveniently to classify and arrange such state