

er shall have and possess all such powers and authority in matters pending or pertaining to the county court, as court commissioners appointed by the circuit court have or possess over matters pending or pertaining to the circuit court. All orders made by any such court commissioners may be reviewed by the county court or county judge in the same manner, and in the same cases as now provided by law and the existing practice, for reviewing orders of court commissioners by the circuit court.

Amended.

When terms to be held.

SECTION 2. Section fourteen (14), of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows: There shall be held at the county seat of said county two general terms of said court, viz: commencing on the first Tuesday in June and the first Tuesday in December in each year, which terms may be adjourned from time to time, as the judge shall order. Special terms of said court may be called by order of the judge of said court, and held at the county seat of said county; a copy of such order shall be published three successive weeks, in two newspapers published in said county, before such special term. Each of such special terms shall be a jury-term or not, as the order of the judge shall direct.

Fees of jurors.

SECTION 3. Section twenty-two (22), of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows: The fees of jurors in said court shall be two dollars per day for each day, and one dollar for each half day, to be paid in the same manner as jurors in the circuit court.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 11, 1876.

CHAPTER 295.

[Published March 31, 1876.]

AN ACT to amend chapter eighty (80), of the general laws of 1872, entitled, "An act authorizing cities and villages to establish free libraries and reading rooms."

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

Amended.

SECTION 1. Chapter eighty (80), of the general laws of 1872, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The city council of each incorporated city, not exceeding in population fifty thousand (50,000) inhabitants, and the board of trustees of each incorporated village, and the board of supervisors of any town containing over two thousand (2,000) inhabitants in this state, shall have power to establish and maintain a public library and reading room, for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of such city, town or incorporated village, and may levy a tax not exceeding one mill on the dollar, on all taxable property of the city, town, or village, for such purpose, to be known as the "library fund;" *provided*, that no library shall be so established, or no tax so levied without first submitting it to a vote of the legal voters of such city, village or town.

Establishment
of free libra-
ries.

SECTION 2. When any common council, board of supervisors, or board of trustees shall have decided to establish and maintain a public library and reading room under this act, the mayor of such city, chairman of such board of supervisors, or the president of such village shall, with the approval of the common council, board of supervisors, or board of trustees, proceed to appoint a board of nine (9) directors for the same, chosen from the citizens at large, with reference to their fitness for such office, and not more than one member of the city council, board of supervisors, or board of trustees shall be at any one time a member of said board of directors.

Appointment
of board of di-
rectors.

SECTION 3. Said directors shall hold office from their appointment, and one-third for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years from the first (1st) of July of each year following their appointment, and at their first regular meeting shall cast lots for their respective terms, and annually thereafter the mayor of such city, chairman of such board of supervisors, or president of such village shall, before the first (1st) day of July of each year, or before, appoint three directors to take the place of the retiring directors, who shall hold their office for three years, and until their successors are appointed.

Terms of di-
rectors.

SECTION 4. Vacancies in the board of directors, occasioned by removal, resignation, or otherwise, shall be reported by the board to the city council, board of supervisors, or board of trustees, and be filled in like manner as original appointments, and no director shall receive any compensation as such.

Vacancies in
board of direc-
tors.

SECTION 5. Said directors shall immediately after their appointment, meet and organize by the election

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of same.

of one of their number president, and by the election of such other officers as they may deem necessary. They shall make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for their own guidance and for the government of the library and reading rooms as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this act. They shall have the exclusive control of the expenditures of all moneys collected for the library fund and the supervision, care, and custody of rooms or building constructed, leased, or set apart for the purpose; *provided*, that all moneys received for such library shall be deposited in the treasury of said city, town or village, to the credit of the library fund, and shall be kept separate and apart from other moneys of such city, town or village, and drawn upon by the proper officers of said city, town or village, upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the library board. Said board shall have the power to occupy, lease or erect an appropriate building for the use of said library, not exceeding, from the library fund in one (1) year in building more than half the income of such year, and shall have power to appoint a suitable librarian and necessary assistant, and shall, in general, carry out the spirit and intent of this act in establishing and maintaining the best library and reading room with the means at their disposal; *provided, however*, that no purchase or lease of land or buildings, and no order or contract for the erection or construction of buildings, shall take effect without the previous approval of the mayor and common council of the city, or board of supervisors of the town, or board of trustees of the village.

Library and
reading room
to be free to
inhabitants.

SECTION 6. Every library and reading room established under this act shall be forever free for the use of the inhabitants of the city, town or village where located, always subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the library board may find necessary to adopt and publish, in order to render the use of said library and reading room of the greatest benefit to the greatest number, and may exclude and cut off from the use of said library and reading room any and all persons who shall willfully violate said rules.

Board of di-
rectors to make
annual report.

SECTION 7. The said board of directors shall make an annual report to the city council, town board, or board of trustees, stating the condition of their trust, the various sums of money received from the library fund, and from all other sources, and how such moneys have been expended; the number of books and

periodicals on hand; the number added by purchase, gift, or otherwise, during the year; the number lost or missing; the number of books loaned out, and the general character and kind of such books, with such other statistics, information and suggestions as they may deem of general interest.

SECTION 8. All taxes levied under this act shall be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of said city, town or village. How taxes to be collected.

SECTION 9. Any person desirous of making donations of money or real estate, for the benefit of such library shall have the right to vest the title to the money or real estate so donated in the board of directors, created under this act, to be held and controlled by such board, when accepted, according to the terms of the deed of gift, devise or bequest of such property, and as to such property the said board shall be held and considered to be special trustees. In whom title of donation to be vested.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 11, 1876.

CHAPTER 296.

[Published March 29, 1876.]

AN ACT to amend sections one (1), two (2), and three (3), of chapter two hundred and ninety-nine (299), of the laws of Wisconsin of 1875, entitled, "An act to prescribe the duties and regulate the fees of the lumber inspector of the Fourth district."

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

SECTION 1. Section one, of said chapter two hundred and ninety-nine, is hereby amended by inserting the words "or corporations," after the word "person," in said section, and by inserting after the words "Fourth district of this state," the words, "or who shall receive transfers or assignments of logs, or permits for cutting logs, or who shall have liens upon logs," so that said section when thus amended shall read as follows: Section 1. All persons or corporations who shall cut and manufacture logs and lumber in the Fourth district of this state, or who shall receive transfers or assignments of logs, or permits for Amended.

Owners of logs to file description in office of lumber inspector.