

cers who institute them, unless they request the aid of other prosecuting officers.

SECTION 22. All acts and parts of acts, including all provisions of any city charter, so far as they conflict or are inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 23. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 314.

AN ACT to promote the establishment and efficiency of free public libraries in the state of Wisconsin.

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

State library commission created.

SECTION 1. The governor shall appoint two persons who, with the president of the university of Wisconsin, the state superintendent, and the corresponding secretary of the state historical society, shall constitute a state library commission. One of the members appointed by the governor shall be appointed for a term of five years and the other shall be appointed for a term of four years. All subsequent appointments shall be for terms of five years each, except appointments to fill vacancies. The commission shall annually elect a chairman and a secretary.

Commission to give advice and counsel to all free libraries.

SECTION 2. The commission shall give advice and counsel to all free libraries in the state, and to all communities which may propose to

establish them, as to the best means of establishing and administering such libraries, the selection of books, cataloguing and other details of library management. The commission may also send its members to aid in organizing new libraries or in improving those already established. The commission shall make a biennial report to the governor, and one thousand copies of this report shall be published as other official reports are published.

SECTION 3. No member of the commission shall receive any compensation for services as a member, but their traveling expenses in attending meetings of the commission or in visiting or establishing libraries, and other incidental and necessary expenses connected with the work of the commission shall be paid, provided, that the whole amount shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars in any one year. All bills incurred by the commission or its members under this law shall be certified by the chairman and secretary of the commission to the secretary of state, who shall cause the same to be paid from the state treasury, and there is hereby annually appropriated from the general funds in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, a sufficient sum to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

No compensation allowed except traveling expenses.

Appropriation] \$500.

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

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