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

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CHAPTER 237.*

AN ACT to provide for the enlarging and equipment of the state historical library building, and extending the tax levy therefor.

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of enlarging and Tax for state historical liequipping the building for the use of the state brary building historical society of Wisconsin, and such other extended. libraries and collections as may be placed in the custody thereof, provided for by chapter 298, of the laws of Wisconsin for 1895, the word "seven" is hereby substituted for the word "three," in the third printed line of section 5, of said act, so that said sction shall read as follows: Section 5. For the purpose of constructing the building provided for in this act, there shall be levied and collected annually for seven years, beginning in the year 1897, a tax of onetenth of a mill for each dollar of the assessed valuation of the taxable property of the state, the same to be paid out by the state treasurer on warrants drawn by the secretary of state in accordance with the provisions of section 2, of this act.

SECTION 2. To enable the board of building Authorized to borrow money. commissioners, provided for by chapter 298, of the laws of 1895, to expedite the construction of

*Amended by chapter 293, laws 1897.

said library building, they are hereby given authority to borrow such sums of money as may be required from time to time as the work progresses, not exceeding in the aggregate two hundred and forty thousand dollars (\$240,000.00), at a rate of interest not exceeding six (6) per centum per annum; and to issue certificates of indebtedness therefor, to be executed by the president and secretary of said commissioners. Moneys so borrowed, with interest thereon, to be repaid from the annual appropriations for the years 1900, 1901, 1902, and 1903, by this act made.

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

cation.

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CHAPTER 238.

AN ACT relative to establishing free public libraries in cities, villages and towns.

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

Cities, towns and villages may levy a tax to provide a fund to equip and establish a public library.

SECTION 1. Section 931, of the revised statutes of Wisconsin, as amended by chapter 173, of the laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 330, of the laws of 1895, is hereby amended by substituting the word "one" for "two" in the phrase "containing over two thousand inhabitants;" by omitting from said section the following words, "not exceeding one mill on each dollar of the taxable property of such city, town or