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CHAPTER 265.

AN ACT amending section 934 of the statutes of 1898 as amended by section 1 of chapter 131 [139] of the laws of 1899 relating to free libraries.

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

Appropriations for library not within town, etc.; when to have representation on board. SECTION 1. Section 934 of the statutes of 1898 as amended by section 1 of chapter 131 [139] of the laws of 1899 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "The town supervisors, village trustees or common council of any town, village or city is hereby authorized to appropriate a sum of money annually for the use and benefit of a library organized under section 931 of the statutes of 1898, not situated within such town, village or city, the use of which shall be open, without charge, to the inhabitants of such town, village or city making such appropriation. Whenever the amount so appropriated by such supervisors, trustees or common council shall be equal to or exceed one-sixth of the net annual income of the library for the benefit of which such appropriation is made during the preceding year ending on the first day of April, it shall be the duty of the chairman of the town, president of the village or mayor of the city, within which such library is situated, to appoint from among the citizens of the town, village or city making such appropriation, one member of the board of directors of such library in addition to the members otherwise provided by law, which appointment shall be subject to the approval of the town supervisors, village trustees or common council of the town, village or city making such appropriation; such director shall hold his office for the term of three years from the first day of July succeeding such appointment and until his successor is appointed; provided that upon the failure of the proper officers of such town, village or city during any succeeding year to make an appropriation equal to the amount hereinbefore mentioned, the office of the member of the board of directors so appointed from such town, village or city shall become vacant from and after the first day of July next succeeding the failure to make such appropriation;" so that said section when so amended shall read as follows: Section 934 as amended by

chapter 139 of the laws of 1899. Every library and reading room established under this chapter, shall be forever free for the use of the inhabitants of the city, town or village where located, 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 they may exclude and cut off from the use of said library and reading room any and all persons who shall wilfully violate such rules; provided, that the board of directors of such library and reading room may under such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary and upon such conditions as may be agreed upon, allow non-residents of the city, town or village in which the library or reading rooms are situated to use the books therein and may exchange such books with any other public library, either permanently or temporarily, and may send out traveling libraries in their own and adjoining counties and any such board may contract with the board of supervisors of the county in which the library is situated or with the board of supervisors of any neighboring county or with individuals or associations or with the board of supervisors, school board, village trustees or common council of any neighboring town, school district, village or city to loan the books of said library singly or in traveling libraries to the residents of said county, town, school district, village or city upon the terms agreed upon in such contract, and every such board of directors, board of county or town supervisors, school district board, village trustees or common council is hereby empowered to make contracts for such purpose and to pay the consideration agreed upon therein to the board of directors of such library and reading room out of the county school district, town, village or city treasury upon the rendering of the proper accounts therefor. The town supervisors, village trustees or common council of any town, village or city is hereby authorized to appropriate a sum of money annually for the use and benefit of a library, organized under section 931 of the statutes of 1898 not situated within such town, village or city, the use of which shall be open, without charge, to the inhabitants of such town, village or city making such appropriation. Whenever the amount so appropriated by such supervisors, trustees or common council shall be equal to or exceed one-sixth of the net annual income of the library for the benefit of which such appropriation is made during the preceding year ending on the first day of April, it shall be the duty of the chairman of the town, president of the village or mayor of the city within which such library is situated, to appoint from among the citizens of the town, village or city mak-

ing such appropriation, one member of the board of directors of such library in addition to the members otherwise provided by law, which appointment shall be subject to the approval of the town supervisors, village trustees or common council of the town, village or city making such appropriation. Such director shall hold his office for the term of three years from the first day of July succeeding such appointment and until his successor is appointed; provided, that upon the failure of the proper officers of such town, village or city during any succeeding year to make an appropriation equal to the amount hereinbefore mentioned, the office of the member of the board of directors so appointed from such town, village or city shall become vacant from and after the first day of July next succeeding the failure to make such appropriation.

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

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CHAPTER 266.

AN ACT to amend section 2, chapter 368, laws of Wisconsin for 1895 entitled, "An act to provide for the manner of asking and receiving bids for public work or improvements ordered by the common council of any city of the first class in the state of Wisconsin."

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

Character of deposit to be made with bid. SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 368 of the laws of Wisconsin for 1895 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "money," in the fourth line of said section the words "or a duly certified bank check payable to the order of such board of public works," and by inserting after the word "money," in the ninth line of said section the words, "or such duly certified bank check," and by inserting after the word "money," in the eleventh line of said section the words, "or duly certified bank check," and by inserting after the word "money" in the twenty-third line of said section