

department for the corresponding years of the two preceding biennial terms.

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

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CHAPTER 98.

AN ACT to amend section 932 of the statutes of 1898, relating to the appointment of library directors.

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

Provision for reducing directorate; number of directors; term of office; vacancies. SECTION 1. Section 932 of the statutes of 1898 is hereby amended by adding the words "in each city of the second and third class," after the words "reading room" in the second line, and by striking out the words "the president of such village or the chairman of such town" in the third line and by adding after the words "common council" in the fourth line the words "and in each city of the fourth class, in each village or town there shall be a board of six directors appointed by the mayor of such city, by the president of such village or the chairman of such town, with the approval of the respective common council, village or town board." The following words shall also be added to section 932: "It is further provided that in any city of the fourth class, or any village or town, having a public library with a board of nine directors, that, upon the request of such board, the mayor of such city, the president of such village or the chairman of such town, shall omit to make appointments to the board to fill vacancies, until the number of members of the board, excluding the ex-officio member, is reduced to six, and thereafter the board shall include no more than six appointive members," so that the whole section when so amended shall read as follows: Section 932. For the government of such library and reading room, in each city of the sec-

ond or third class, there shall be a board of nine directors, appointed by the mayor of such city, with the approval of the common council, and in each city of the fourth class, in each village or town there shall be a board of six directors, appointed by the mayor of such city, by the president of such village or the chairman of such town, with the approval of the respective common council, village or town board, from among the citizens thereof; and not more than one member of the council, or village or town board shall at any one time be such director. Such directors shall hold their office for three years from the first day of July in the year of appointment and until their successors are appointed, but upon their first appointment they shall divide themselves at their first meeting by lot into three classes, one-third for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, and their terms shall expire accordingly. All vacancies shall be immediately reported by the directors to the common council, town or village board and be filled by appointment in like manner, and if in an unexpired term for the residue of the term only. No compensation whatever shall be paid or allowed any director; provided, that in any city or village which has established or may establish a free library under the provisions of section 931, the city superintendent of schools or the supervising principal of schools shall be ex-officio a member of the board of directors of such library. It is further provided that in any city of the fourth class, or any village or town, having a public library with a board of nine directors, that, upon the request of such board, the mayor of such city, the president of such village or the chairman of such town, shall omit to make appointments to the board to fill vacancies, until the number of the members of the board, excluding the ex-officio member, is reduced to six, and thereafter the board shall include no more than six appointive members.

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

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