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CHAPTER 238.

AN ACT to amend chapter 168 of the laws of 1901 relating to the cataloging and distribution of public documents and the maintenance of a legislative reference room and small working library by the Wisconsin Free Library Commission, and increasing the appropriation therefor.

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

To make check list of public documents. SECTION 1. Chapter 168 of the laws of 1901 is amended to read as follows: Section 373c. The Wisconsin free library commission is hereby authorized and directed to make an explanatory check list of the several public documents of the state, including all reports, circulars and bulletins issued by the various state departments, boards and commissions, and to publish this list, and supplementary lists as they may be required, in such form and with such notes as to show the scope and purpose of such publication; to assist state officers, members of the legislature, and other citizens who are studying the growth and development of the affairs and institutions of this state, also to assist the public libraries in the state, in completing files of such publications and in so arranging them as to be of use to citizens of their several localities. The said free library commission is also directed to prepare and print catalog cards of said public documents for the card catalogs of the said public libraries, and for the executive and administrative departments of the state.

Documents to be delivered. Section 373d. The state printer is hereby directed promptly to deliver to the secretary of the commission, as printed, three copies of each message, report, journal, legislative bill, bulletin, circular, or set of bound public documents of whatever character, printed at the expense of the state.

Depositories of public documents. Section 373e. The secretary of said free library commission is hereby directed to ascertain and report to the state superintendent of public property what public libraries, in the state, containing more than one

thousand volumes, including the libraries of normal schools, academies and colleges, can suitably care for and advantageously use, public documents printed by the state. The secretary of said commission shall designate such libraries as depositories of state documents and shall, from time to time, prepare lists of such depositories for the use of the state superintendent of public property. The state superintendent of public property is hereby directed to furnish each library which is designated as a depository of state documents one set of public documents, as they are published, and also copies of such other reports and documents, printed at the expense of the state, as may be of general interest and supplied to him in sufficient numbers to meet such demand.

To maintain library in capitol. Section 373f. The said commission is also authorized and directed to maintain in the state capitol, for the use and information of the legislature, the several state departments, and such other citizens as may desire to consult the same, a legislative reference room and a small working library, as complete as may be, of the several public documents of this and other states, and to purchase for said library standard works of use and reference. The said commission is also hereby authorized and directed to co-operate, during sessions of the legislature, with the secretary and superintendent of the State Historical society of Wisconsin, as trustee of the state, with a view to a joint arrangement, by which the needs of the legislature in the matter of general books of reference may be met to the fullest possible extent; and said commission shall give such space within its rooms to books brought to the capitol by said society for such purpose, as may be jointly agreed upon between them. The librarian of the state library and the officers of state departments are hereby authorized to give or loan to the free library commission for the use of the legislative reference room such books and documents as will be useful in that room. The said free library commission is also authorized to give or loan to the state historical society or to the state departments any books and documents except those in current use in the legislative reference room.

Printing and supplies. Section 373g. The printing of all necessary cards for card catalogs, check lists and supplementary lists, and the binding necessary to properly preserve material collected under this act, shall be done by the state printer upon the order of the commissioners of printing, and the cards, traveling library cases and other supplies necessary to secure the

economical administration of this work shall be furnished by the state superintendent of public property upon warrant from the secretary of the commission.

Additions to library. Section 373h. The said free library commission is also authorized to add to its working library books of permanent value to students, and to loan such books, singly or in traveling libraries, to public libraries, schools, women's clubs, debating societies, university extension circles, or students who are interested in investigating social, political and educational problems, or studying literature, science or art, and to furnish with such traveling libraries suitable outlines for study. It is the purpose of this provision to make possible in small communities by temporary supplies of good books, such serious study of worthy subjects as is not ordinarily possible to persons who have no access to large libraries, and to promote the organization and welfare of associations for serious study.

Appropriation. Section 373i. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, there shall be and is hereby annually appropriated to the Wisconsin free library commission, from any money in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, in addition to such sums as have been heretofore appropriated, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, and any balance not expended in any one year may be added to the expenditure for the next ensuing year.

Conflicting laws repealed. SECTION 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved May 13, 1903.