

ent corporations forming the same, which were organized under the laws of this state; and shall be charged with all their liabilities; and such new corporation shall be subject to all restrictions and perform all duties imposed upon it by the laws of this state, and shall be and constitute a body corporate, under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Wisconsin.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 348.

AN ACT, to amend section 373a, as amended by chapter 53 of the laws of 1899, and section 373b, constituting the free library commission directing said commission to purchase and circulate traveling libraries and increasing the appropriation for said commission.

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

**How constituted; officers; appropriations; office; printing, etc.**

SECTION 1. Sections 373a as amended by chapter 53 of the laws of 1899, and 373b are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 373a. The governor shall appoint two persons for terms of five years each, who, with the president of the university, the state superintendent and the secretary of the state historical society, shall constitute a free library commission. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be made by the governor for the unexpired term. The officers of the commission shall be a chairman to be elected from the members thereof for the term of one year, and a secretary not of its own number, to be appointed by the commission, and who shall serve at the will of the commission, under such conditions and for such compensation as to it shall seem adequate. Said secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the commission, keep accurate accounts of its financial transactions, have charge of its work in

organizing new libraries and improving those already established, and in general perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned him by said commission. In addition to his salary he shall be allowed his actual and necessary traveling expenses while absent from his office upon the service of the commission, such expenses, when approved by the chairman or acting chairman, to be certified under oath to the secretary of state in the same manner as other bills incurred by the commission. Said commission may also engage, from time to time, as desired, such other clerical and expert assistance as shall be requisite in the performance of the work of the commission as set forth in this section. The commission shall give advice to all free libraries and to all communities which may propose to establish them as to the best means of establishing and administering such libraries, selecting and cataloging books, and other details of library management, and may send any of its members to aid in organizing such libraries or in the improvement of those established. It shall establish a department of traveling libraries in charge of an officer especially qualified, and shall purchase books and supplies for traveling libraries and accept gifts for them. Said department of traveling libraries shall also aid in establishing and supervising county systems of traveling libraries. The said commission may also co-operate with other state library commissions and libraries in the publication of documents in order to secure the more economical administration of the work for which it is formed. Said commission shall make a biennial report to the governor. No member of such commission shall be compensated for his services, but accounts for the traveling expenses of the members thereof in attending meetings or in visiting, or establishing libraries, and other necessary incidental expenses connected with their duties, may be audited by the secretary of state when certified by the chairman and secretary of the commission. There is annually appropriated to said commission the sum of twelve thousand dollars, and any balance not expended in any one year may be added to the expenditure for any ensuing year.

373b. The commission shall also be allowed the use of suitable offices and equipment in the capitol, and the secretary of state shall audit the duly certified bills of the commission for postage, expressage and telegraphing, and the state superintendent of public property shall audit necessary bills for freight. The state printer, upon the order of the commissioners of public printing, shall print such circulars, labels and blanks and bind such material as may be required.

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

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## CHAPTER 349.

AN ACT, to amend chapter 274 of the laws of 1899 as amended<sup>1</sup> by chapter 182 of the laws of 1901, relating to child labor.

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

**Places in which employment is prohibited; permit, by whom granted.** SECTION 1. Chapter 274 of the laws of 1899, as amended by chapter 182 of the laws of 1901, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. No child between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years shall be employed at any time in any factory or workshop, bowling alley, bar room, beer garden, in or about any mine, store, office, hotel, mercantile establishment, laundry, telegraph, telephone, public messenger service or work for wages at any gainful occupation at any place, unless there is first obtained from the commissioner of labor, state factory inspector, any assistant factory inspector, or from the judge of the county court or municipal court or from the judge of a juvenile court where such child resides, a written permit authorizing the employment of such child within such time or times as the said commissioner of labor, state factory inspector, any assistant factory inspector, county judge, municipal judge or judge of a juvenile court may fix. No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed at any time in any factory or workshop, bowling alley, bar room, beer garden, or in or about any mine. No child under fourteen years shall be employed, required or suffered to work for wages at any gainful occupation at any time except that during the vacation of the public school in the town, district or city where any child between the ages of twelve and fourteen years resides, it may be employed in any