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CHAPTER 163

AN ACT to amend 256.40 of the statutes, relating to county law libraries.

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

Section 1. 256.40 of the statutes is amended to read:

256.40 Any circuit judge may, whenever he shall deem it desirable, purchase or direct the clerk of the circuit court for any county in his circuit to purchase law books and subscribe for the periodical reports of any of the courts of the several states or territories or of the United States, for any county in his circuit, provided the cost of such books and reports, including pocket parts and continuing services, shall not exceed * * * \$1,000 for any county in one year, unless the board of supervisors of such county shall authorize the expenditure of a larger sum. Whenever such purchase or subscription shall be made such clerk shall have each volume of books received stamped or branded with the name of his county and * * * take charge of the same * * * for the use of

the courts, judges, attorneys and officers thereof. * * * The cost of such volumes shall be paid by the county treasurer upon the presentation to him of the accounts therefor, certified to by the clerk of the circuit court and the circuit judge.

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