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CHAPTER 82

AN ACT to create 43.255 and 59.877 of the statutes, relating to the establishment of a county library committee.

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

SECTION 1. 43.255 of the statutes is created to read:

43.255 COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE. (1) CREATION. In any county not having a county library board, the county board of supervisors may create a county library committee.

(2) SELECTION. The county library committee shall be composed of 7 or 9 members appointed by the chairman of the county board with the approval of the board. Not more than one member shall be a member of the county board. The resolution creating the county library committee shall provide for staggered terms of 1, 2 and 3 years for the original appointments, and thereafter all shall be appointed for 3-year terms, effective July 1 of the year in which appointed. Vacancies shall be filled as were the original appointments for the unexpired term.

(3) MEETINGS. The committee shall meet at least once every 3 months and oftener at the call of the chairman.

(4) OFFICERS. The committee shall annually select a chairman and secretary from its membership.

(5) COMPENSATION. No compensation shall be paid to the members of any county library committee for their services as such but they may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in performing duties if so authorized by the county board.

(6) DUTIES. It is the duty of the county library committee to survey and study the library needs of the county and to develop and report to the county board plans and proposals for improving library service within the county. It may promote co-operation between existing library units within the county and aid such units in working out contractual arrangements under existing law for the improvement and extension of library service. It may co-operate with similar committees or other proper authorities of adjoining counties in developing plans for the establishment of multi-county units of library service. The committee may utilize the consultant services of the free library commission.

(7) REPORTING. The county library committee shall make annual progress reports to the free library commission.

(8) DISSOLUTION. When a county-wide library service is established under a county library board in any county, the committee shall be abolished.

SECTION 2. 59.877 of the statutes is created to read:

59.877 COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE. The county board may create a county library committee, as provided in s. 43.255, in any county not having a county library board.

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