

to aid said commissioners, a stenographer when required, who shall receive the same compensation as is allowed the commissioners provided for in this act, and shall be paid in the same manner. If, however, the decision of the commissioners is adverse to the city, town or village making the appeal, such city, town or village shall reimburse the county for all expenses paid.

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

Approved April 14, 1897.

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CHAPTER 245.

AN ACT to amend section 371, of the annotated statutes, as amended by chapter 136, of the laws of 1895, relating to the state library, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

\$3,500 annually
appropriated
to the state
library.

SECTION 1. Section 371, of the annotated statutes, as amended by chapter 136, of the laws of 1895, is hereby amended by adding after the word "library" where it occurs in the second line thereof, the words "and for the justices of the supreme court," and by increasing the annual appropriation therein provided for, to thirty-five hundred dollars, so that the same, when so amended, shall read as follows: Section 371. The trustees shall procure for the library, and for the justices of the supreme court, from time to time, such law books, books

of reference, and works on political science and statistics, but no others, as they shall think reasonably necessary or desirable. There is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying for such books, three thousand five hundred dollars per year. The accounts for such purposes shall be audited by the secretary of state upon affidavits by the state librarian that the books have been received in the library, and upon approval thereof by the trustees, or a majority of them. Any balance of the sum hereby appropriated, which remains unexpended at the close of any year, shall be credited for the purposes specified, and may be used therefor in any subsequent year.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act. Appropriation.

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

Approved April 14, 1897.

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CHAPTER 246.

AN ACT to provide for the collection and return of taxes in the villages of this state in certain cases.

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

SECTION 1. In all cases in villages in this state which have been heretofore organized under the provisions of sections 854 to 869, inclusive, of the revised statutes of this state Legalizing the collection of taxes in villages, existing as de facto villages for more than one year