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CHAPTER 176.

AN ACT to create section 486k of the statutes, providing for the rebinding of school library books.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 486k. 1. The state superintendent of public instruction, the secretary of the free library commission, and the attorney-general shall constitute a state committee on the rebinding of school library books.

2. It shall be the duty of said committee to make out during the month of January each year an approved list of firms engaged in bookbinding to which school library books may be sent for rebinding under the provisions of this act. In making out said list the said committee shall take into consideration convenience of location of firms doing bookbinding, the character of their work, their financial responsibility, and any other matter or matters having a bearing on the satisfactory rebinding of school library books, the cost of rebinding, and the facilities and cost of transportation to and from the bindery.

3. Before any bookbinding firm is placed on said approved list, an agreement shall have been entered into between such firm and the state committee on the rebinding of school library books as to prices to be charged for the rebinding of books as provided for by this act and such other matters as said committee may deem essential to the carrying out of the intent thereof. Each such agreement shall contain a clause authorizing said committee to drop the firm from such approved list in case the terms of the agreement are not complied with by the firm in question.

4. During the last month of the annual school term in every school district coming under the provisions of sections 486a to 486j, inclusive, of the statutes, known as the township library law, the teacher, principal or superintendent, as the case may be, shall set aside those books in the school library or libraries, which are in need of rebinding, and he shall supply to the district clerk a list in duplicate of the titles of the books thus set aside, also a list of the approved bookbinding firms, together with such other readily obtainable information regarding the books set aside as may be called for by the state or county superintendent on blanks which may be supplied for the purpose. Only those school library books shall be set aside for rebinding whose original cost, whose value as school library books, whose sanitary condition and condition as to wear and tear and cleanliness are

such as, in the judgment of the teacher, principal or superintendent, to justify rebinding.

5. It shall be unlawful for the district clerk to make out an order for the payment of the last month's salary of the teacher, principal or superintendent, as the case may be, before the books for rebinding, if there be any such books, shall have been set aside and a list thereof has been received by him, as provided in the last preceding paragraph of this section. If there are no books needing rebinding, whose cost, value, and condition justify rebinding, then a written statement to that effect signed by the teacher, principal or superintendent shall be substituted for said list of books for rebinding otherwise to be provided.

6. At the first regular or special meeting of the school board after the clerk has received the said list of books needing rebinding, he shall present said list to the board for its consideration and the board shall forthwith take formal action on the question of having the books rebound under the provisions of this act. It shall be the duty of the school board to take action not later than one month after the district clerk has received said list of books needing rebinding. If necessary, a special meeting shall be called for the purpose.

7. Payment for the rebinding of school library books under the provisions of this act shall be made from any funds in the treasury of the school district not otherwise appropriated. The first year any school district takes advantage of this act the amount expended for this purpose shall not exceed an amount equal to twenty cents for each person of school age in the district; thereafter such amount shall not exceed ten cents per person of school age per annum in any one school district.

8. Lists of approved bookbinding firms as provided for in this act shall be distributed to teachers, principals, and superintendents between the first day of March and the first day of May each year in such manner as other publications are distributed from the office of the state superintendent of public instruction.

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

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