

its complete acquiescence therein. Said society shall be the trustee of the state, and as such shall faithfully expend and apply all money received from the state to the uses and purposes directed by law, and shall hold all its present and future collections and property for the state; and shall not sell, mortgage, transfer or dispose of in any manner, or remove, except for temporary purposes, from * * * *its building or buildings* any article therein without authority of law; * * * *except that the society * * * may sell * * * or * * * exchange its publications, * * * and may sell, exchange or otherwise * * * dispose of duplicate books * * *, periodicals or museum objects, or books, periodicals or museum objects outside of its field of collection to other public libraries, schools, museums or other educational or charitable institutions * * * or their agents.* There shall continue to be a board of curators of said society, constituted with substantially the same powers as at present, of which the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer shall be ex officio members and take care that the interests of the state are protected. The society *may acquire property, real or personal, by gift, bequest or otherwise, in any amount and may sell for such price and upon such conditions as its finance committee may deem best for its interests, and convey real estate acquired by it by gift or bequest or through the foreclosure of any mortgage.*

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CHAPTER 56.

AN ACT to repeal and recreate 44.02 of the statutes, relating to duties of the state historical society.

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

44.02 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

44.02 HISTORICAL SOCIETY: DUTIES. It shall be the duty of the state historical society:

(1) To serve as trustee of the state in the preservation and care of all records, both printed and written, and all articles and other materials of historic interest and significance placed

in its custody, and to interest itself constructively as the agent of the state in the preservation and care of all similar materials wherever they may be.

(2) To collect by gift, exchange or purchase books, periodicals, pamphlets, records, tracts, manuscripts, maps, charts and other papers, artifacts, relics, paintings, photographs and other materials illustrative of the history of this state in particular and of the west generally.

(3) To conduct research in the history of Wisconsin in particular and of the west generally.

(4) To inculcate through publications, museum extension services and other media a wider and fuller knowledge and appreciation of the history of Wisconsin and its significance.

(5) To keep its main library and museum rooms open at all reasonable hours on business days for the reception of the citizens of this state who may wish to visit the same, without fee.

(6) To thoroughly catalogue the entire collections of said society for the more convenient reference of all persons who have occasion to consult the same.

(7) To loan, in its discretion, for such periods and under such rules and restrictions as it may adopt, to libraries, educational institutions and other organizations or to private individuals in good standing, such books, pamphlets, museum objects, or other materials that if lost or destroyed could easily and without much expense be replaced. No work on genealogy, no newspaper file, or book, map, chart, document, manuscript, pamphlet or other material whatsoever of a rare nature shall be permitted to be sent out from the library except on inter-library loan to a research library under regulations safeguarding the materials during transit and while in use.

(8) To bind except when microfilmed the unbound books, documents, manuscripts, pamphlets, and especially newspaper files in its possession.

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