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**CHAPTER 221**

AN ACT to amend 44.01 of the statutes, relating to the powers of the state historical society to accept and control collections.

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

44.01 of the statutes is amended to read:

44.01 The state historical society of Wisconsin organized under an act of the legislature approved on March 4, 1853, shall continue to possess the

powers and privileges thereby conferred, subject to this chapter and such laws as \* \* \* *are* hereafter \* \* \* enacted, and its acceptance of the benefits herein granted and renewed shall be conclusively deemed its complete acquiescence therein. Among the purposes of the society shall be to promote a wider appreciation of the American heritage with particular emphasis on the collection, advancement and dissemination of knowledge of the history of Wisconsin and of the west. Said society shall be an official agency and the trustee of the state, and as such shall faithfully expend and apply all money received to the fulfillment of its duties and purposes as directed by law. It shall hold all its present and future collections and property for the state. It shall not sell, mortgage, transfer or dispose of in any manner or remove from its buildings, except for temporary purposes, any article therein without authority of law. The society may sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of duplicate books, periodicals or museum objects, or books, periodicals and museum objects outside its field of collection. 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 insure that the interests of the state are protected. The society may acquire real or personal property by gift, bequest or otherwise in any amount and may operate, manage, sell, rent or convey real estate acquired by gift, bequest, foreclosure or other means, upon such terms and conditions as its board of curators deems for its interests. *The society may accept collections of private manuscripts, printed materials, tapes, films and artifacts, and it may enforce any and all reasonable restrictions on accessibility to the public, use or duplication of said collections which shall be agreed upon by the donor and the society.*

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