

H. F. No. 595.

## CHAPTER 114.

Public libraries and reading rooms.

*An act to amend sections five (5) and nine (9) of chapter one hundred and six (106) of the general laws of 1879, relating to the establishment and maintenance of free public libraries and reading rooms.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Minnesota:

Amendment.

SECTION 1. That section five (5) of chapter one hundred and six (106) of the general laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine (1879), be and the same hereby is amended by adding at the end of said section the following words:

Donations and collections.

Said board shall have power to accept, or in its discretion to decline, donations tendered as provided in section nine (9) of this act, and for the purpose of maintaining and augmenting collections other than collections of printed books and periodicals, may in its discretion expend moneys or incur obligations not exceeding in any one year ten (10) per centum of the whole amount paid into the library fund for such year.

SEC. 2. That section nine (9) of chapter one hundred and six (106) of the general laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine (1879), be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

Donations of money or property, how accepted.

"Any person desiring to make donations of money, personal property or real estate for the benefit of such library, or for the establishment, maintenance or enlargement of an art gallery or museum in connection with such library, or for the establishment, maintenance or endowment of public lectures in connection with such library, upon any subject designated by the donor in the field of literature, science and the arts (except that lectures in the interest of or relating to party politics or sectarian religion are expressly prohibited), shall have the right to vest the title to the money, personal property or real estate so donated in the board of directors created under this act, to be held and controlled by such board when accepted according to the terms of the deed, gift, devise or bequest of such property; and as to such property, the board shall be held and considered to be special trustee."

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

Approved April 14, 1897.