

S. F. No. 382.

## CHAPTER 48.

Public libraries, amendment.

*An act entitled an act to amend sections one (1) and five (5) of chapter one hundred and six (106) of the general laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, as amended, relating to the establishment and maintenance of free public libraries and reading rooms.*

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

Sec. 1, C. 106, Laws 1879, amended.

SECTION 1. That section one (1) of chapter one hundred and six (106) of the General Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine (1879) as amended, be and the same is hereby further amended by adding, after the words "city or village," in the fifth line thereof, the following: "And by ordinance, to set apart for the use and benefit of such library real estate or other property belonging to the municipality," and by adding at the end of said section one (1), as amended, the following:

Empowered to set aside property for benefit of.

"Whenever any council has heretofore established a library, and, by ordinance, set apart property for its use and benefit, its action is hereby confirmed;" so that said section shall read as follows:

Powers of city council relating thereto.

"Section 1. That the city council of any incorporated city, or village council of any incorporated village, shall have power to establish and maintain a public library and reading room, or either of them, for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of such city or village, and, by ordinance, to set apart for the use and benefit of such library, real estate or other property belonging to the municipality, and may levy a tax not exceeding one mill on the dollar annually, and in cities of over thirty thousand (30,000) inhabitants not to exceed one-half of one (1) mill on the dollar annually on all the taxable property in the city; such tax to be levied and collected, in like manner with other general taxes of said city or village, and to be known as 'Library fund.' And the board of directors in this chapter provided for shall have power, in their discretion, to admit to the benefit of such library persons not residing within the corporate limits of the city or village, and they shall execute a contract in writing in the form of a bond, to the village or city council, to be approved by the board of directors, conditioned to make good all damages or loss of books issued to them, with sufficient sureties, and covenanting that the person so receiving the benefits of the library shall at all times conform to all the laws, rules and regulations governing the said library. And such non-resident pat-

rons shall pay for such privileges such sums and at such times as may be by the directors prescribed, into the village treasury, for the use of the said library. Upon petition of fifty freeholding citizens in any such city or village the council of any such city or village shall submit the question of the establishment of such public library or reading room to the legal voters of such city or village at the next annual election held therein, and if a two-thirds majority of the votes cast on such question at such election are in favor of the establishment of such public library or reading room, then the council of such city or village shall establish the same and shall annually thereafter levy for the maintenance of such public library or reading room the tax recommended by the said petitioners, not to exceed, however, the rate hereinbefore provided. Whenever any council has heretofore established a library, and, by ordinance, set apart property for its use and benefit, its action is hereby confirmed."

SEC. 2. That section five (5) of chapter one hundred and six (106) of the General Laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, as amended, be and the same is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Said board shall have full power and authority to improve, lease and let any and all property set apart for the use of the library, or otherwise acquired, upon such terms and conditions, and whenever and as often as it may deem best and to execute and deliver leases thereof under seal. It may receive and enforce subscriptions for the benefit of the library, and may adopt a seal," so that said section shall read as follows:

"Sec. 5. Said directors shall, immediately after appointment, meet and organize by the election of one of their number president, and by the election of such other officers as they may deem necessary. They shall make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for their own guidance, and for the government of the library and reading room, or either of them, as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this act. They shall have the exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected and placed to the credit of the library fund, and of the construction of any library building, and of the supervision, care and custody of the grounds, rooms, or buildings constructed, leased or set apart for that purpose; *provided*, that all moneys received for such library shall be deposited in the treasury of said city or village to the credit of the library fund, and shall be kept separate and apart from other money of said city or village, and shall be paid out only upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the library board. Said board shall have power to

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lease and provide appropriate rooms for the use of said library; shall have power to appoint a suitable librarian and necessary assistants, and fix their compensation; and shall also have power to remove such appointees; and shall in general carry out the spirit and intent of this act. Said board shall have power, when approved by such city or village council, to purchase ground, and erect thereon a suitable building for the use of said library. 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. Said board shall have full power and authority to improve, lease and let any and all property set apart for the use of the library, or otherwise acquired, upon such terms and conditions, and whenever and as often as it may deem best, and to execute and deliver leases thereof under seal. It may receive and enforce subscriptions for the benefit of the library, and may adopt a seal."

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

Approved March 9, 1899.

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## CHAPTER 49.

S. F. No. 66.

Sidewalks;  
construction  
and repair of.

*An act authorizing all villages incorporated under the general laws of this state to construct and repair sidewalks and to assess the expense thereof upon the lots or parcels of land adjoining the said sidewalk.*

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

How constructed and repaired in villages.

SECTION 1. Whenever the village council of any village incorporated under the general laws of this state deem it necessary to construct or repair any sidewalk in said village, they shall require the street commissioner to notify all owners and occupants of any lot or lots or parcels of land adjoining such sidewalk to construct or repair the same at his or their own proper expense or charge, within a time designated by the publication in the official paper of said village, for not less than two