

with sureties approved by such auditor, conditioned for the employment of said fund for the purpose of caring for and beautifying such grounds, and for the making of annual reports as aforesaid of the condition of said fund.

SEC. 3. That as soon as such ground is provided and accepted as aforesaid notice thereof may be given by the Post, or any person interested to the superintendent of the hospital for insane, and such superintendent shall thereafter cause to be buried in said plot the bodies or all persons herein designated, hereafter dying at such hospital; and in all cases when practicable, shall also cause to be removed and placed in such plot the bodies of those who have heretofore been buried in the hospital grounds. It shall also be the duty of such superintendent to furnish in each case to the Post or persons in charge of said plot the name of the person buried and all such facts within his possession from the records of such hospital as may be necessary for the purpose of providing a suitable inscription to be placed upon the monument to be erected upon said plot.

Notice to
superintend-
ent of
hospitals.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 13, 1901.

CHAPTER 272.

S. F. No. 246.

An act to amend sections 1426, 1427, 1428 and 1429 of chapter ten (10), title five (5) of the General Statutes of 1894, as amended by chapter one hundred and fourteen (114) of the General Laws of 1897 and chapters forty-eight (48) and one hundred and sixty-two (162) of the General Laws of 1899, relating to public libraries and reading rooms.

Amendment,
Public
libraries
and reading
rooms.

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

SECTION 1. That section 1426 of the General Statutes of 1894, as amended by chapter one hundred and sixty-two (162) of the General Laws of 1899 be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1426. When any city or village council shall have been thus authorized to establish and maintain a public library and reading room or either of them under this act, written notice shall be posted in three of the most public places in said city or village, signed by the city clerk or village recorder of said city or village, requesting the qualified voters of the city or village in which

Notices by
clerk or
recorder.

the city or village council shall have been thus authorized to establish or shall have established such library or reading room or either of them, to assemble on the third Saturday in July next following the passage of this bill; and in cases where such authority is hereafter given, requesting the qualified voters of any city or village in which the city or village council may hereafter be thus authorized to establish a public library or reading room or either of them, to assemble on the third Saturday in July next following the election at which said city or village council shall be so authorized and at some suitable place in said city or village, to be named in said notices, then and there to vote by ballot for nine directors for said library and reading room or either of them, which notices shall be posted at least ten days prior to said meeting, and the failure of said clerk to post said notices shall be a misdemeanor.

SEC. 2. That section 1427 of the General Statutes of 1894 be amended so as to read as follows:

Election of
directors.

Sec. 1427. The electors assembled at said time and place shall proceed to appoint a chairman, assistant chairman and clerk, who shall be judges of said election. They shall then proceed to elect, by ballot, nine directors for said library and reading room or either of them, chosen from the citizens duly qualified by law to vote at such elections, three of whom shall serve for one year, three for two years and three for three years, and until their successors are elected and qualified; the time that each shall serve to be designated on the ballot; and annually thereafter on the third Saturday in July, there shall be chosen by ballot at a meeting of the voters held for that purpose three directors, whose term of office shall be three years and until their successors are elected and qualified. No more than two members of the city or village council shall at any time be members of said board. Notices of all such meetings after the first shall be signed and posted by the secretary of said board. The polls shall remain open one hour, and the time and place of election may be the same as that at which the school election in said locality is held.

SEC. 3. That section 1428 of the General Statutes of 1894, as amended by chapter one hundred and sixty-two (162) of the General Laws of 1899, be amended so as to read as follows:

Vacancy in
board.

Sec. 1428. In case of a vacancy, the said board shall have power to fill the same by appointment until the next annual election hereinbefore provided for, when the elec-

tors of said city or village may choose, by ballot, a suitable person to fill the remainder of such term, and no director shall receive compensation as such, *Provided* the clerk of said board shall give notice of such vacancy as required in other cases.

SEC. 4. That section 1429 of the General Statutes of 1894, as amended by chapter one hundred and fourteen (114) of the General Laws of 1897 and chapter forty-eight (48) of the General Laws of 1899, be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1429. Said directors shall, immediately after each election, 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 voucher of the library board. Said board shall have power to lease and [provide] appropriate rooms for the use of said library, shall have power to appoint a suitable librarian and necessary assistant, 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 grounds and erect thereon a suitable building for the use of said library.

Organiza-
tion of board
and duties.

SEC. 5. The provisions of this act shall not apply to cities having a population of over fifty thousand, and all provisions of law with reference to cities of over fifty thousand population shall be and remain the same as if this act had not been passed.

SEC. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 13, 1901.