

CHAPTER 88.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARY.

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

SECTION. 1. The State Library shall consist of the books, pamphlets, maps, charts and documents of every kind now belonging to the same, together with such others as it may acquire by gift, purchase, exchange, or otherwise.

State library—
of what it shall
consist

SEC. 2. The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a librarian, who shall hold his office for two years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified. Before entering upon his duties, he shall take the oath of office, and give a bond to the State, in the sum of two thousand dollars, with two sureties, to be approved by the Governor, conditioned for the faithful performance of his official duties, the safe keeping and delivery to his successor of all property belonging to the library, and the proper disbursement or payment to his successor of all moneys coming into his hands as librarian. Such oath and bond shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

Librarian—
oath—bonds.

SEC. 3. The librarian shall have the custody and charge of all property belonging to the library. He shall, under the direction and control of the judges of the Supreme Court, attend to all sales, purchases [and exchanges of books, pamphlets or other documents] for the same. He shall as respects himself obey, and as respects other persons, enforce such rules and regulations as may be prescribed for the government and conduct of the library and its affairs. He shall with or without suit, collect in his own name, for the use of the library, such damages as may be sustained by injury to, or failure to return, any books or other property of the library, as well as all fines imposed by any of the rules or regulations before mentioned. He shall keep a book in which he shall enter a detailed and chronological account of all exchanges, purchases and sales of books, pamphlets or other documents. On the first day of December in each year, he shall make a report to the Governor, containing a list of the books added to the library during the preceding twelve months, designating which have been added by gift, which by exchange, and which by purchase; a list of the books lost during the said twelve months; a statement of the amount collected for the use of the library during the same period, for loss of books or injury thereto, and for fines, and also a statement of the amount expended for the library, designating in a general way the purposes for which such expenditures have been made.

Duties of the
librarian.

To be under the
control of the
judges of the
supreme court.

SEC. 4. The judges of the Supreme Court shall exercise a general oversight of the library. They shall have power to adopt all such rules and regulations for the government and conduct of the same and its affairs as they may deem proper, and also rules prescribing penalties and fines for any violation thereof. Such rules and regulations shall be posted up in conspicuous places in the room occupied by the library. Such judges are authorized to direct such purchases of books, pamphlets and documents for the library, and to direct such sales and exchanges of books, pamphlets and documents in the library as they may deem best, subject however to the exception that no copies of the statutes (including the session laws) of the Territory or State of Minnesota shall be sold, exchanged or in any way disposed of.

SEC. 5. Immediately upon receiving the volumes of the reports of the Supreme Court, the Secretary of State shall furnish the librarian with a number of copies thereof equal to the number of States and Territories of the United States. And thereupon it shall be the duty of the librarian (instead of the Secretary of State as now required by law) to transmit one copy thereof to the Governor or Librarian of each of said States and Territories.

SEC. 6. All moneys received for books sold, or for injury to or failure to return books or other property of the library, or for fines, shall be expended for the benefit of the library.

SEC. 7. Title six (6) entitled "Librarian," being sections forty-five (45) to fifty-nine (59) inclusive, of chapter six (6) of the General Statutes, chapter eight (8) of the General Laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven (1877), entitled "An act to amend sections fifty-one (51) and fifty-two (52), and to repeal section fifty-six (56) of title six (6) of the General Statutes, relating to the State Librarian," and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force on and after the first (1st) day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878).

Approved March 9, 1878.

Exchange of reports with other states.

Receipts of moneys.

Repealing previous laws.

Take effect July 1.