

SEC. 30. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July thirty-first (31st), eighteen hundred ninety-nine (1899).

Approved April 21st, 1899.

CHAPTER 353.

H. F. No. 294.

An act to create and provide for a system of traveling libraries and to promote the establishment of free public libraries and to create a state public library commission, and to appropriate the necessary moneys therefor.

Traveling
libraries.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a system of traveling libraries which shall be under the management and control of the state library commission herein provided for.

Traveling
libraries,
system of.

SEC. 2. There is hereby created a state public library commission, consisting of five (5) members.

State public
library
commission.

SEC. 3. The president of the state university and the state superintendent of public instruction and the secretary of the State Historical society are hereby constituted ex-officio members of said state library commission, and the governor of the state shall, as speedily after the passage of this act as practicable, appoint by and with the consent of the senate two suitable persons, resident in the State of Minnesota, as members of the said state library commission. The commission shall elect its own officers from among its own members.

Constitution
of com-
mission.

SEC. 4. One of the members appointed by the governor shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years from January 1st, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine (1899), and one member for six (6) years from January 1st, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine (1899), and they shall hold office for said terms respectively or until their successors are appointed and qualified.

Terms of
members of
commission.

SEC. 5. All subsequent appointments of commissioners for said board shall be for six (6) years from January 1st of the year in which the appointment is made, or until the successor is appointed and qualified, except in cases of appointment of members to fill vacancies caused by resignation, death or removal, which appointments shall be made for the unexpired term of the member whose death, resignation or removal caused the vacancy.

Terms of
subsequent
appointments.

Commission to receive no salary.

SEC. 6. No member of said state library commission shall ever receive any salary for per diem or compensation of any kind for services as such commissioner.

Commission to be paid traveling expenses.

SEC. 7. Members of the state library commission shall be allowed and paid necessary traveling expenses in attending meetings of the commission or in visiting or establishing libraries and other incidental and necessary expenses connected with the work of the commission.

Purchase of books by commission.

SEC. 8. The state library commission is authorized to purchase collections of books, the same to be the property of the State of Minnesota, which books shall form a state circulating library, and from which any town, village or community within the State of Minnesota, may borrow books under the rules and regulations of the state library commission. These books are to be divided by the commission into groups, and are to be known as the Minnesota traveling library. The commission shall catalogue and otherwise prepare said books for circulation, and shall make rules and regulations according to which the business of the commission shall be done, and such as shall insure the care, preservation and safe return of all books loaned.

Books, how obtained from traveling library.

SEC. 9. The librarian or trustee of any free public library or the trustees or agents of any village, town or community entitled to borrow books from said traveling libraries, may, without charge, ask and receive advice and instruction from said state library commission upon any matter pertaining to the organization, maintenance or administration of the libraries, and the said commission shall as far promote and assist by counsel and encouragement the formation of libraries where none exist, and the commission may also send its members to aid in organizing new libraries or in improving those already established.

Commission to keep statistics of books of library.

SEC. 10. The state library commission shall keep statistics of the free public libraries of Minnesota and a record of the work done and books loaned by said commission, and shall make a full report to each general session of the legislature of all expenditures by the commission and of such statistics and records as shall show the work done by the commission, the use made of the traveling libraries, and all other matters which they deem expedient for the information of the legislature.

Appropriation for travelling library.

SEC. 11. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars for the year ending December 31st, nineteen hundred (1900), and five thousand (5,000) dollars for the year ending December 31st, nineteen hundred and one (1901), to be expended by said

commission for the purchase and equipment of books to be loaned under the provisions of this act, and such incidental and clerical expenses as hereinbefore mentioned.

SEC. 12. A room which shall serve as an office for the commission shall be provided for in the new capitol building.

SEC. 13. Said commission may from time to time, as needed, draw their order in favor of the parties to whom money is due, or to one of the members of said commission when the money is to be used for incidental expenses, stating in said order what the money is to be used for, and upon the presentation of such order the state auditor shall draw his order on the state treasurer for the amount thereof, not exceeding the amount herein appropriated for the purpose.

SEC. 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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Money for expenses of commission, how drawn.

CHAPTER 354.

H. F. No. 363.

An act to repeal section twenty (20) of sub-chapter seven (7) of chapter seventy-four (74) of the General Laws for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven (1877), relating to the appointment of school examiners for independent school districts.

School examiners for independent districts, abolished.

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

SECTION 1. That section twenty (20) of sub-chapter seven (7) of chapter seventy-four (74) of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven (1877) be and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 20, sub-chap. 7, chap. 74, Laws 1877, repealed.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 21st, 1899.

CHAPTER 355.

H. F. No. 519.

An act to establish a naval reserve.

Naval reserve.

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