

with the territorial limits of any city of the first class in the State of Minnesota and the government of which independent school district is not provided for in the charter of said city, the chairman and clerk of such school district may execute by their facsimile signatures orders upon the treasurer of such school district for payment of claims allowed by such governing body and the treasurer of such school district may accept such orders so executed and disburse funds of the school district thereon.

**Sec. 2. Treasurer to use facsimile signatures.**—When authorized so to do by resolution of the governing body of any such school district, the treasurer thereof may execute by his facsimile signature checks for disbursement of the funds of the school district.

**Sec. 3. Governing body to authorize use.**—A resolution of the governing body of such a school district may authorize the use of facsimile signatures on all orders, warrants and checks of the school district or it may limit the use of the same to the particular orders, warrants and checks described in such resolution.

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CHAPTER 96—S. F. No. 402

*An act establishing a law library in each county in the State of Minnesota having not less than 41 nor more than 43 congressional townships and having an assessed valuation of not less than \$7,000,000 nor more than \$8,000,000; and providing for financing and maintaining the same.*

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

**Section 1. Law libraries in certain counties.**—In each county in the state having not less than 41 nor more than 43 congressional townships, and having an assessed valuation of not less than seven nor more than eight million dollars, there is hereby established a Law Library.

**Sec. 2. Who may use law library.**—The use of such Law Library shall be free to the Judges of the state, to state officials, to all Judges of the District, Municipal and Probate Courts of the county, to all the city and county officials, the members of the Bar, and other inhabitants of the city, under proper regulation.

**Sec. 3. County board to furnish quarters.**—The Board of County Commissioners of the county shall furnish and maintain suitable quarters for the use and housing of said county Law Library.

**Sec. 4. Management—District Judges to appoint trustee.**—The management of said Law Library shall be vested in a board of Law Library trustees, who shall serve without compensation, to be chosen for the terms and in the manner following: Said board shall consist of five members, consisting of one Judge of the District Court of said county to be selected by the District Judges thereof; three members of the Bar to be elected by the members of the oldest Bar Association of said county; and one member of the Board of County Commissioners to be selected by said County Board; all to be selected as soon after the passage of this act as is practicable.

All members of said Board of Law Library trustees shall hold office for three years except the first board, which shall be divided into two classes, with two trustees holding office for one year and three trustees holding office for two years. Immediately after the selection and election of said trustees they shall be divided into said classes by lot.

The board of Law Library trustees shall elect one of the members President and another member Secretary, and shall have the authority to at once purchase, or otherwise acquire, such law books as may be reasonably necessary to acquire an adequate law library, the initial cost of which shall, however, not exceed the sum of \$2,000, and upon presentation of sworn itemized vouchers approved by the board of Law Library trustees, the County Treasurer shall pay said initial cost of said Law Library from county funds. The board of Law Library trustees shall have general power to provide rules and regulations for the management of said Law Library and may maintain said library by gift, grant, donation, bequest, purchase, lease, or loan, and title in such library shall vest and be in said county. The said board of Law Library trustees may sell or exchange such items in said library to such persons and upon such terms as the board may deem best.

**Sec. 5. Fees and maintenance.**—It shall be the duty of the Clerk of District Court of such county to collect in each civil suit, action or proceeding filed in such court, in the manner which other fees are collected therein, and in addition thereto, as Law Library fees, the sum of \$1.00 from the plaintiff or person instituting such suit, action or proceeding, at the time of the filing of the first paper therein; and the sum of \$1.00

from the defendant or other adverse or intervening party, or any one or more of several defendants, or other adverse or intervening parties appearing separately from the others, to be collected when his or their appearance is entered in such action or proceeding, or when the first paper on his or their part is filed therein. Such Law Library fee shall be costs in the case, and taxable as such, and shall be allotted for the support of said library.

**Sec. 6. Application of act.**—This act shall not apply to actions or proceedings commenced by the State or any municipality therein, to garnishment proceedings, to the filing of Transcripts, to compensation awards, or to Complaints in Intervention in receivership proceedings.

**Sec. 7. Monies to be paid to County Treasurer.**—On the first day of each month the Clerk of Court making collection of such fees shall pay the same to the County Treasurer of said county, taking his receipt therefor, and said County Treasurer is authorized and directed, upon itemized vouchers approved by the board of Law Library trustees, to disburse the same and any other money belonging to said board to pay the necessary expenses of maintaining and adding to said library.

**Sec. 8. Librarian.**—That the Clerk of the Probate Court shall serve as librarian without any additional compensation.

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#### CHAPTER 97—S. F. No. 224

*An act to amend Laws 1919, Chapter 294, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1929, Chapter 205, Section 1, entitled "An act fixing the salary compensation, duties and clerk hire of the coroner and his deputies in counties now or hereafter having an area of more than 5,000 square miles and an assessed valuation of over \$250,000,000, exclusive of money and credits"; and to amend the title to Laws 1919, Chapter 294.*

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

**Section 1. Title of act.**—The title of Laws 1919, Chapter 294, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "An act fixing the salary compensation, duties and clerk hire of the coroner and his deputies in counties now or hereafter having an area of more than 5,000 square miles and a population of more than 150,000 inhabitants."