

## Libraries

## CHAPTER 134

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**134.001 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. The terms used in this chapter have the meanings given them in this section.

Subd. 2. "Public library" means any library that provides free access to all residents of a city or county without discrimination, receives at least half of its financial support from public funds and is organized under the provisions of chapter 134. It does not include libraries such as law, medical, school and academic libraries organized to serve a special group of persons, or libraries organized as a combination of a public library and another type of library.

Subd. 3. "Public library services" means services provided by or on behalf of a public library and does not include services for elementary schools, secondary schools or post-secondary educational institutions.

Subd. 4. "Regional public library system" means a multicounty public library service agency that provides free access to all residents of the region without discrimination, and is organized under the provisions of this chapter or chapter 317A, or section 471.59.

Subd. 5. "Basic system services" means services offered by all regional public library systems either directly or by contract. These services shall include, but are not limited to, communication among participants, resource sharing, delivery of materials, reciprocal borrowing, and cooperative reference service.

Subd. 6. "Multicounty, multitype library system" means a cooperative network composed of any combination of public libraries, regional public library systems, public school libraries, public or private college or university libraries and any other libraries which share services and resources within a multicounty area.

Subd. 7. "City" or "cities" means home rule and statutory cities unless specifically provided otherwise.

**History:** 1978 c 546 s 1; 1979 c 334 art 9 s 1,2; 1983 c 314 art 11 s 10,22; 1989 c 304 s 137

- 134.01 [Renumbered 123.60]  
 134.02 [Renumbered 123.601]  
 134.03 [Repealed, 1983 c 314 art 11 s 21]  
 134.035 [Repealed, 1978 c 546 s 8]  
 134.04 [Renumbered 121.496]  
 134.05 [Repealed, 1963 c 10 s 1]  
 134.06 [Repealed, 1983 c 314 art 11 s 21]

#### 134.07 PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE.

The governing body of any city or county may establish and maintain public library service for the use of its inhabitants. By ordinance or resolution it may set apart for the benefit thereof any public property of the city or county. In any statutory city and in any city of the second, third, or fourth class, and in any county, the governing body may levy an annual tax on all taxable property therein except counties may not tax property which is already taxed for public library service. The proceeds of the tax shall be known as the library fund.

**History:** (5661) *RL s 2255; 1913 c 509 s 1; 1945 c 319 s 1; 1953 c 434 s 1; 1953 c 686 s 1; 1955 c 120 s 1; 1963 c 144 s 1; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1973 c 773 s 1; 1983 c 314 art 11 s 1*

#### 134.08 ESTABLISHING AND DISCONTINUING LIBRARY SERVICE; APPLICABILITY OF LAW.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** If public library service is not established under section 134.07, the governing body of the city or county, upon the petition of eligible voters, as defined in section 201.014, subdivision 1, of the city or county, in a number not less than five percent of the number of persons who voted at the last general election in the city or county, shall submit the question of the establishment or provision of public library services to the voters at the next general election. If a majority of the votes cast on the question are in the affirmative, the governing body shall establish the library or shall provide public library service as authorized in section 134.12 or 134.20 and levy an annual tax for its support.

Subd. 2. **Discontinuance.** If public library service is established under the provisions of subdivision 1, it may be discontinued only after a majority of the votes cast on the question are in the affirmative on a question on a ballot in a general election. The question of discontinuance of public library service shall be placed on the ballot at the next general election upon the petition of eligible voters, as defined in section 201.014, subdivision 1, of the city or county, in a number not less than five percent of the number of persons who voted at the last general election in the city or county.

Subd. 3. **Applicability.** All public library service heretofore established and now existing in cities and counties is continued and all ordinances and resolutions setting apart public property for their support are hereby confirmed. Nothing in sections 134.08 to 134.15 shall be construed as abridging any power or duty in respect to libraries conferred by any city charter. If a city charter does not address matters provided for in this chapter, the provisions of this chapter shall apply.

**History:** (5662) *RL s 2256; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1980 c 609 art 6 s 34; 1983 c 314 art 11 s 2; 1987 c 384 art 2 s 1*

#### 134.09 LIBRARY BOARDS.

Subdivision 1. **Appointment.** When public library service is established, except in any city of the first class operating under a home rule charter, the mayor of the city with the approval of the council for a city library or the board of commissioners for a county library, shall appoint a board of five, seven or nine members from among the residents of the city or county. If the city library is a branch or a member of a regional public library system, as defined in section 134.001, the mayor, with the approval of the city

council, may appoint to the city library board, residents of the county, provided that the county is participating in the regional public library system and that the majority of the members of the city library board are residents of the city. The number of members on the board shall be determined by resolution or ordinance adopted by the council or the board of commissioners. Not more than one council member or county commissioner shall at any time be a member of the library board. The appointments shall be made before the first meeting of the library board after the end of the fiscal year.

**Subd. 2. Term of office.** If nine board members are appointed, three shall hold office for one year, three for two years and three for three years. If seven members are appointed, three shall hold office for one year, two for two years, and two for three years; if five are appointed, two shall hold office for one year, two for two years, and one for three years. All terms shall end with the fiscal year. Annually the mayor with the approval of the council, or the board of county commissioners shall appoint board members for the term of three years until their successors qualify a sufficient number of members to fill the places of those whose term or terms expire. A library board member shall not be eligible to serve more than three consecutive three-year terms.

**Subd. 3. Removal of members.** The mayor with the approval of the council, or the board of county commissioners may remove any member for misconduct or neglect.

**Subd. 4. Abolishment.** Upon recommendation of a majority of any library board created under the provisions of subdivision 1, the governing body of the city or county may abolish the library board at the end of any fiscal year provided that the governing body shall simultaneously establish a successor library board of either five, seven or nine members by resolution or ordinance. The appointment of successor board members shall be made as provided in subdivision 1. The terms of successor board members shall be as provided in subdivision 2.

**History:** (5663) *RL s 2257; 1943 c 245 s 1; 1945 c 46 s 1,2; 1961 c 235 s 1; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1983 c 314 art 11 s 3; 1986 c 471 s 2*

### 134.10 BOARD VACANCIES; COMPENSATION.

The library board president shall report vacancies in the board to the council or the board of county commissioners. The council or board of county commissioners shall fill the vacancies by appointment for the unexpired term. Library board members shall receive no compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred in the discharge of library board duties and activities or a per diem allowance according to section 375.47 in place of the expenses.

**History:** (5664) *RL s 2258; 1983 c 314 art 11 s 4; 1987 c 398 art 9 s 1*

### 134.11 ORGANIZATION OF BOARD; DUTIES.

**Subdivision 1. Organization.** Immediately after appointment, the library board shall organize by electing one of its number as president and one as secretary, and from time to time it may appoint such other officers as it deems necessary.

**Subd. 2. Duties.** The library board shall adopt bylaws and regulations for the government of the library and for the conduct of its business as may be expedient and conformable to law. It shall have exclusive control of the expenditure of all money collected for or placed to the credit of the library fund, of interest earned on all money collected for or placed to the credit of the library fund, of the construction of library buildings, and of the grounds, rooms, and buildings provided for library purposes. All money received for the library shall be paid into the city or county treasury, credited to the library fund, kept separate from other money of the city or county, and paid out only upon approval by the board. The library board may lease rooms for library use. The library board shall appoint a qualified library director and other staff as necessary, establish the compensation of employees, and remove any of them for cause. With the approval of the council or board of county commissioners, the library board may purchase grounds and erect a library building thereon.

**History:** (5665) *RL s 2259; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1983 c 314 art 11 s 5*

**134.12 BENEFITS OF LIBRARY.**

Subdivision 1. **Nonresidents.** Any library board may admit to the benefits of its library persons not residing within its city or county under regulations and upon conditions as to payment and security prescribed by the library board.

Subd. 2. **Contracts with cities and towns.** The library board may contract with the county board of the county in which the library is situated or the county board of any adjacent county, or with the governing body of any neighboring town or city, to loan library materials to residents of the contracting county, town, or city.

Subd. 3. **Use of public library; tax levy.** Any county board or city governing body may contract with the board of any city or county public library for the use of the library by the residents of the county, town, or city who do not have the use of a public library, upon the terms and conditions as those granted residents of the city or county where the public library is located, and to pay the library board an annual amount therefor. Any county board or city governing body may establish a library fund by levying an annual tax upon all taxable property which is not already taxed for the support of any public library and all taxable property which is situated outside of any city in which is situated a public library.

**History:** (5666) *RL s 2260; 1905 c 257; 1913 c 509 s 2; 1951 c 217 s 1; 1963 c 144 s 2; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1973 c 583 s 8; 1983 c 314 art 11 s 6*

**134.13 ANNUAL REPORT.**

As soon as practicable following the end of the fiscal year the library board shall report to the governing body of the city or county all amounts received during the preceding year and the sources thereof, the amounts expended and for what purposes, the number of library materials on hand, the number purchased and loaned, and such other information as it deems advisable. No later than April 1 of each year the library board shall file this information with the department of education on forms supplied by the department.

**History:** (5667) *RL s 2261; 1911 c 181 s 1; 1945 c 40 s 1; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1983 c 314 art 11 s 7*

**134.14 TITLE TO PROPERTY; FREE USE.**

All property given, granted, conveyed, donated, devised, or bequeathed to, or otherwise acquired by, any city or county for a public library shall vest in, and be held in the name of, the city or county and any conveyance, grant, donation, devise, bequest, or gift made to, or in the name of, any public library or library board shall be deemed to have been made directly to the city or county to be used as provided in section 134.11. Every public library established under sections 134.07 to 134.15 shall be forever free to the use of the inhabitants of the city or county subject to reasonable regulations the library board may adopt.

**History:** (5668) *RL s 2262; 1983 c 314 art 11 s 8*

**134.15 GIFTS.**

With the consent of the governing body of any city or county, expressed by ordinance or resolution, the library board may accept any gift, grant, devise, or bequest made or offered by any person for public library purposes, or for the establishment, enlargement, or maintenance of an art gallery or museum in connection with its library, and may carry out the conditions of the donation. The city or county in all such cases is authorized to acquire a site, levy a tax, and pledge itself by ordinance or resolution to a perpetual compliance with all the terms and conditions of the gift, grant, devise, or bequest so accepted.

**History:** (5669) *RL s 2263; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1983 c 314 art 11 s 9*

**134.16 [Repealed, 1983 c 314 art 11 s 21]**

**134.17** [Repealed, 1965 c 45 s 73]

**134.18 PRIVILEGES EXTENDED TO COUNTIES AND STATUTORY CITIES.**

Any public library board in any city of the first class in this state, whether such board was created by and under the general laws or by special act of the legislature, may enter into arrangement with the authorities of the county within which it is located, or with the authorities of any adjoining county, or with the authorities of any statutory city within any such county, whereby the inhabitants of any such county or statutory city may secure the privileges of using the library and museums of any such library board and the authorities of any such county or statutory city are hereby authorized to defray the expenses any such arrangement may involve.

*History: (1591) 1907 c 289 s 1; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7*

**134.19** [Repealed, 1983 c 314 art 11 s 21]

**134.20 REGIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS.**

**Subdivision 1. Establishment.** Two or more counties or two or more cities located in two or more counties may, through action by their governing bodies under section 471.59, establish and maintain a regional public library system, even though one or more of the counties or cities may already have a library with a library board. In a county or city already having a library board, the approval of the library board shall also be required. Cities having public libraries may join in the regional public library system by being parties to the agreement which establishes the regional public library system through action of their library boards and their city councils, or as provided in subdivision 3.

**Subd. 2. Library board.** The agreement establishing a regional public library system shall provide for a library board to govern the organization having all the powers and duties of city and county library boards as provided in sections 134.11, 134.12, and 134.13 and including exclusive determination of all library services to be provided under terms of the agreement as defined in section 134.001, and exclusive control of the expenditure of all funds for the services. The regional library system board may consist of as many members as the contracting parties deem necessary, appointed in a number from among the residents of the contracting parties and for terms by each party to the contract as determined by the contracting parties, irrespective of the existence of one or more city and county library boards already in existence in the participating cities and counties. Not more than one member from each contracting party shall be a member of the governing body of a contracting party and no member may be appointed to serve more than three consecutive three-year terms. In the participating cities and counties, the portion of the proceeds of the city and county library tax authorized by section 134.07, shall be used to support the regional public library system as the contracting agreement may provide.

**Subd. 3. City participation.** Where a regional public library system is established, a city located in any of the contracting counties which is excluded from the county tax supporting the regional public library system under the provisions of section 134.07, may, upon recommendation of its library board and upon action by its governing body, be included in the county tax and become an integral part of the regional public library system. Cities included in the county tax and with public libraries which are part of the regional public library system, whether or not governed by home rule charter provisions, upon action by their city council, may levy taxes for the additional support of their local library services. A local public library board or governing body may, at its option, continue to control the local library fund or pay all or part of it to the regional public library system fund, to be used to increase or improve public library services in the city.

**Subd. 4. Property.** All property given, granted, conveyed, donated, devised or bequeathed to, or otherwise acquired by any regional library board or any regional public library system board however created shall vest in, and be held in the name of, the

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regional library board or regional public library system board. Any conveyance, grant, donation, devise, bequest, or gift made to, or in the name of, any regional library or public library system shall be deemed to have been made directly to the regional public library system board.

**Subd. 5. Ratification.** All property heretofore given, granted, conveyed, donated, devised, bequeathed to, or otherwise acquired by any regional library board or any regional public library system board however created is validated, ratified and confirmed as the property of the board.

**Subd. 6. Ratification.** Any multicounty regional public library heretofore created, and the agreements creating them, are validated, ratified, and confirmed and the benefits of subdivisions 1 to 5 shall hereafter apply to them.

**History:** 1961 c 55 s 1; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1981 c 358 art 6 s 34-36; 1983 c 314 art 11 s 18,22; 1984 c 629 s 2

## 134.21 INTERSTATE LIBRARY COMPACT.

The interstate library compact is hereby enacted into law and entered into on behalf of this state with any state bordering on Minnesota which legally joins therein in substantially the following form:

### INTERSTATE LIBRARY COMPACT

The contracting states agree that:

#### ARTICLE I

##### PURPOSE

Because the desire for the services provided by public libraries transcends governmental boundaries and can be provided most effectively by giving such services to communities of people regardless of jurisdictional lines, it is the policy of the states who are parties to this compact to cooperate and share their responsibilities in providing joint and cooperative library services in areas where the distribution of population makes the provision of library service on an interstate basis the most effective way to provide adequate and efficient services.

#### ARTICLE II

##### PROCEDURE

The appropriate officials and agencies of the party states or any of their political subdivisions may, on behalf of said states or political subdivisions, enter into agreements for the cooperative or joint conduct of library services when they shall find that the executions of agreements to that end as provided herein will facilitate library services.

#### ARTICLE III

##### CONTENT

Any such agreement for the cooperative or joint establishment, operation, or use of library services, facilities, personnel, equipment, materials, or other items not excluded because of failure to enumerate shall, as among the parties of the agreement: (1) Detail the specific nature of the services, facilities, properties, or personnel to which it is applicable; (2) provide for the allocation of costs and other financial responsibilities; (3) specify the respective rights, duties, obligations, and liabilities; (4) stipulate the terms and conditions for duration, renewal, termination, abrogation, disposal of joint

or common property, if any, and all other matters which may be appropriate to the proper effectuation and performance of said agreement.

## ARTICLE IV

## CONFLICT OF LAWS

Nothing in this compact or in any agreement entered into hereunder shall be construed to supersede, alter, or otherwise impair any obligation imposed on any public library by otherwise applicable laws.

## ARTICLE V

## ADMINISTRATOR

Each state shall designate a compact administrator with whom copies of all agreements to which his state or any subdivision thereof is party shall be filed. The administrator shall have such powers as may be conferred upon him by the laws of his state and may consult and cooperate with the compact administrators of other party states and take such steps as may effectuate the purposes of this compact.

## ARTICLE VI

## EFFECTIVE DATE

This compact shall become operative immediately upon its enactment by any state or between it and any other contiguous state or states so enacting.

## ARTICLE VII

## RENUNCIATION

This compact shall continue in force and remain binding upon each party state until six months after any such state has given notice of repeal by the legislature. Such withdrawal shall not be construed to relieve any party to an agreement authorized by articles II and III of the compact from the obligation of that agreement prior to the end of its stipulated period of duration.

## ARTICLE VIII

## SEVERABILITY; CONSTRUCTION

The provisions of this compact shall be severable. It is intended that the provisions of this compact be reasonably and liberally construed.

*History: 1967 c 4 s 1*

**134.22 COMPACT ADMINISTRATOR.**

The state board of education shall designate an officer or employee of the state department of education as compact administrator. The compact administrator shall receive copies of all agreements entered into by the state or its political subdivisions and other states or political subdivisions; consult with, advise, and aid such governmental units in the formulation of such agreements; make such recommendations to the governor, legislature, and governmental agencies and units as the administrator deems desirable to effectuate the purposes of this compact; and consult and cooperate with the compact administrators of other party states.

*History: 1967 c 4 s 2; 1986 c 444*

**134.23 AGREEMENTS.**

The compact administrator and the governing body of any political subdivision of the state or the library board thereof operating a public library may enter into agreements with other states or their political subdivisions pursuant to the compact. Such agreements as may be made pursuant to this compact on behalf of the state of Minnesota shall be made by the compact administrator. Such agreements as may be made on behalf of a political subdivision shall be made after due notice to, and consultation with, the compact administrator.

*History: 1967 c 4 s 3; 1986 c 444*

**134.24 ENFORCEMENT OF COMPACT.**

The agencies and officers of this state and its political subdivisions shall enforce this compact and do all things appropriate to effect its purpose and intent which may be within their respective jurisdictions.

*History: 1967 c 4 s 4*

**134.30 [Renumbered 134.001]****134.31 STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; LIBRARY RESPONSIBILITIES.**

Subdivision 1. The state shall, as an integral part of its responsibility for public education, support the provision of library service for every citizen and the development of cooperative programs for the sharing of resources and services among all libraries.

Subd. 2. The department of education shall give advice and instruction to the managers of any public library or to any governing body maintaining a library or empowered to do so by law upon any matter pertaining to the organization, maintenance, or administration of libraries. The department may also give advice and instruction, as requested, to post-secondary educational institutions, state agencies, governmental units, nonprofit organizations, or private entities. It shall assist, to the extent possible, in the establishment and organization of library service in those areas where adequate services do not exist, and may aid in improving previously established library services.

Subd. 3. The department may provide, for any library in the state, books, journals, audiovisual items, information services or resource materials it deems appropriate and necessary and shall encourage the sharing of library resources and the development of interlibrary cooperation.

Subd. 4. The department shall collect statistics on the receipts, expenditures, services, and use of the regional public library systems and the public libraries of the state. It shall also collect statistics on all activities undertaken pursuant to sections 134.31 to 134.35. The department shall report its findings to the legislature prior to November 15 of each even-numbered year, together with a statement of its expenditures relating to these activities and any other matters as it deems appropriate.

Subd. 5. **Advisory committee.** The commissioner shall appoint an advisory committee of five members to advise the staff of the Minnesota library for the blind and physically handicapped on long-range plans and library services. Members shall be people who use the library. Section 15.059 governs this committee.

*History: 1978 c 546 s 2; 1986 c 471 s 3,4; 1989 c 329 art 10 s 1*

**134.32 GRANT AUTHORIZATION; TYPES OF GRANTS.**

Subdivision 1. The department shall provide the grants specified in this section from any available state, federal, or other funds.

Subd. 2. It shall provide establishment grants to regional public library systems which meet the requirements of section 134.33, to extend library services to additional counties.



Subd. 3. It shall provide regional library basic system support grants to regional public library systems which meet the requirements of section 134.34, to assist those systems in providing basic system services.

Subd. 4. It may provide special project grants to assist innovative and experimental library programs including, but not limited to, special services for American Indians and the Spanish-speaking, delivery of library materials to homebound persons, other extensions of library services to persons without access to libraries and projects to strengthen and improve library services.

Subd. 5. It may provide grants for interlibrary exchange of books, periodicals, resource material, reference information and the expenses incident to the sharing of library resources and materials, including planning, development and operating grants to multicounty, multitype library systems.

Subd. 6. It may provide grants for the improvement of library services at welfare and corrections institutions and for library service for the blind and physically handicapped.

Subd. 7. It may provide grants for construction or remodeling of library facilities from any state and federal funds specifically appropriated for this purpose.

Subd. 8. The state board shall promulgate rules consistent with sections 134.32 to 134.35 governing:

(a) Applications for these grants;

(b) Computation formulas for determining the amounts of establishment grants and regional library basic system support grants; and

(c) Eligibility criteria for grants.

**History:** 1978 c 546 s 3; 1979 c 334 art 9 s 3; 1983 c 314 art 11 s 11,12

### 134.33 ESTABLISHMENT GRANTS.

Subdivision 1. An establishment grant as described in section 134.32, subdivision 2, shall be made to any regional public library system for the first two state fiscal years after a board of county commissioners has contracted to join that system and has agreed that the county will provide the levels of support for public library service specified in this section. In 1990, the county shall provide an amount of support equivalent to 0.25 percent of the adjusted gross tax capacity of the taxable property of the county as determined by the commissioner of revenue for the second year preceding that calendar year or two-thirds of the per capita amount established under the provisions of section 134.34, subdivision 1, whichever amount is less. In 1991 and in each year thereafter, the county shall provide an amount of support equivalent to 0.41 percent of the adjusted net tax capacity of the taxable property of the county as determined by the commissioner of revenue for the second year preceding that calendar year or the per capita amount established under the provisions of section 134.34, subdivision 1, whichever is less. The minimum level of support shall be certified annually to the county by the department of education. In no event shall the department of education require any county to provide a higher level of support than the level of support specified in this section in order for a system to qualify for an establishment grant. This section shall not be construed to prohibit any county from providing a higher level of support for public libraries than the level of support specified in this section.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1979 c 334 art 9 s 12]

**History:** 1978 c 546 s 4; 1979 c 334 art 9 s 4; 1987 c 268 art 7 s 15; 1988 c 719 art 5 s 84; 1989 c 329 art 13 s 5

**NOTE:** Subdivision 1 is repealed effective July 1, 1991. See Laws 1989, chapter 329, article 10, section 5, subdivision 2.

### 134.34 REGIONAL LIBRARY BASIC SYSTEM SUPPORT GRANTS; REQUIREMENTS.

Subdivision 1. **Local support levels.** A regional library basic system support grant shall be made to any regional public library system where there are at least three partici-

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pating counties and where each participating city and county, except in the first year of participation as provided in section 134.33, is providing for public library service support the lesser of (a) an amount equivalent to 0.33 percent of the adjusted gross tax capacity of the taxable property of that city or county, as determined by the commissioner of revenue for the second year preceding that calendar year in 1990 and an amount equivalent to .41 percent of the net tax capacity of the taxable property of that city or county, as determined by the commissioner of revenue for the second year preceding that calendar year in 1991 and later years or (b) a per capita amount calculated under the provisions of this subdivision. The per capita amount is established for calendar year 1990 as \$3.62. In succeeding calendar years, the per capita amount shall be increased by a percentage equal to one-half of the percentage by which the total state adjusted net tax capacity of property as determined by the commissioner of revenue for the second year preceding that calendar year increases over that total adjusted net tax capacity for the third year preceding that calendar year. The minimum level of support shall be certified annually to the participating cities and counties by the department of education. A city which is a part of a regional public library system shall not be required to provide this level of support if the property of that city is already taxable by the county for the support of that regional public library system. In no event shall the department of education require any city or county to provide a higher level of support than the level of support specified in this section in order for a system to qualify for a regional library basic system support grant. This section shall not be construed to prohibit a city or county from providing a higher level of support for public libraries than the level of support specified in this section.

**Subd. 2. Required increases; limit.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 134.33 and subdivision 1, after the second year of participation by a city or county, the dollar amount of the minimum level of support for that city or county shall not be required to increase by more than ten percent over the dollar amount of the minimum level of support required of it in the previous year.

**Subd. 3. Regional designation.** Regional library basic system support grants shall be made only to those regional public library systems officially designated by the state board of education as the appropriate agency to strengthen, improve and promote public library services in the participating areas. The state board of education shall designate no more than one such regional public library system located entirely within any single development region existing under sections 462.381 to 462.398 or chapter 473.

**Subd. 4.** A regional library basic system support grant shall not be made to a regional public library system for a participating city or county which decreases the dollar amount provided for support for operating purposes of public library service below the amount provided by it for the preceding year. This subdivision shall not apply to participating cities or counties where the adjusted net tax capacity of that city or county has decreased, if the dollar amount of the reduction in support is not greater than the dollar amount by which support would be decreased if the reduction in support were made in direct proportion to the decrease in adjusted net tax capacity.

**Subd. 5.** [Repealed, 1989 c 329 art 10 s 5]

**Subd. 6. Effect of levy limitations.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, levies authorized in this section for library services are not included in the portion of county or city levies subject to levy limitations.

**History:** 1978 c 546 s 5; 1979 c 334 art 9 s 5,6; 1982 c 548 art 6 s 18; 1982 c 576 s 1; 1982 c 642 s 1; 1986 c 471 s 5; 1987 c 268 art 7 s 16,17; 1988 c 719 art 5 s 84; 1988 c 720 s 1; 1989 c 329 art 10 s 2,3; art 13 s 6; art 15 s 20

**NOTE:** Subdivision 6, as repealed by Laws 1989, First Special Session chapter 1, article 5, section 51, is effective for taxes levied in 1992, payable in 1993 and thereafter. See Laws 1989, First Special Session chapter 1, article 5, section 52, as amended by Laws 1990, chapter 604, article 3, section 47.

## 134.341 COUNTY FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

To ensure the availability of public library service to all people, every county shall provide financial support for public library services at no less than minimum amounts

as specified in sections 134.33 and 134.34 and shall participate in the regional public library system to which it is assigned by the state board of education under section 134.34, subdivision 3. Each county board of commissioners shall appoint at least one county resident to serve as a representative on the regional public library system board and may appoint more than one representative under terms and conditions of the regional public library system contract.

**History:** 1987 c 398 art 9 s 2

#### 134.342 ALLOCATION OF LEVY AUTHORITY.

**Subdivision 1. Authority.** A regional public library system board may adopt a written resolution to assume responsibility for the allocation of the regional library system levy authority throughout the region. If adopted, the board shall furnish a list to the commissioners of revenue and education by July 1 of the levy year, containing the name of each member city, town, and county that will be participating in that regional system.

**Subd. 2. Determination of levy limitation.** The levy limitation for a regional library system is equal to the sum of the total maximum amount allowable for operating regional library services for all member cities, towns, and counties within the region subject to the levy limitation under section 275.50, subdivision 5, clause (o). If a member city or town of a regional library system is not subject to the levy limitations under sections 275.50 to 275.56, the commissioner of revenue shall determine a levy limitation for the purposes of this section as if the member were subject to the provisions of section 275.50, subdivision 5, clause (o). The commissioner of revenue shall determine the total maximum amount allowable for the regional library system and shall certify the total amount to the regional library board and to the commissioner of education by August 1 of the levy year.

**Subd. 3. Allocation of authority.** A regional public library system board that has resolved to allocate library levy authority among its member cities, towns, and counties shall allocate the amount, up to the total amount certified to the board by the commissioner of revenue, and shall notify each member city, town, and county by August 15 of the levy year of its respective share of the total library levy for the region. Each member city, town, or county located in the region shall levy the amount negotiated and agreed upon by the board and each member city, town, or county.

The board shall certify to the commissioners of revenue and education by September 1 of the levy year, the levy amount allocated to each member city, town, and county in the regional library system.

**Subd. 4. Nonallocated regional library levy limitation.** A city, town, or county located within a regional library system that does not allocate library levy authority under subdivisions 1 to 3 but is subject to the levy limitations under sections 275.50 to 275.56, shall levy according to section 275.50, subdivision 5, clause (o), to pay the operating costs of a regional library system.

**History:** 1990 c 604 art 3 s 5

#### 134.35 REGIONAL LIBRARY BASIC SYSTEM SUPPORT GRANTS; DISTRIBUTION FORMULA.

**Subdivision 1. Grant application.** Any regional public library system which qualifies according to the provisions of section 134.34 may apply for an annual grant for regional library basic system support. The amount of each grant for each fiscal year shall be calculated as provided in this section.

**Subd. 2.** Sixty percent of the available grant funds shall be distributed to provide all qualifying systems an equal amount per capita. Each system's allocation pursuant to this subdivision shall be based on the population it serves.

**Subd. 3.** Fifteen percent of the available grant funds shall be distributed to provide all qualifying systems an equal amount per square mile. Each system's allocation pursuant to this subdivision shall be based on the area it serves.

**Subd. 4.** Seven and one-half percent of the available grant funds shall be paid to each system as a base grant for basic system services.

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Subd. 5. Seventeen and one-half percent of the available grant funds shall be distributed to regional public library systems which contain counties whose adjusted net tax capacity per capita were below the state average adjusted net tax capacity per capita for the second year preceding the fiscal year for which the grant is made. Each system's entitlement shall be calculated as follows:

(a) subtract the adjusted net tax capacity per capita for each eligible county or participating portion of a county from the statewide average adjusted net tax capacity per capita;

(b) multiply the difference obtained in clause (a) for each eligible county or participating portion of a county by the population of that eligible county or participating portion of a county;

(c) for each regional public library system, determine the sum of the results of the computation in clause (b) for all eligible counties or portions thereof in that system;

(d) determine the sum of the result of the computation in clause (b) for all eligible counties or portions thereof in all regional public library systems in the state;

(e) for each system, divide the result of the computation in clause (c) by the result of the computation in clause (d) to obtain the allocation factor for that system;

(f) multiply the allocation factor for each system as determined in clause (e) times the amount of the remaining grant funds to determine each system's dollar allocation pursuant to this subdivision.

Subd. 6. [Expired]

**History:** 1978 c 546 s 6; 1979 c 334 art 9 s 7,8; 1981 c 358 art 6 s 27; 1Sp1985 c 12 art 9 s 1; 1988 c 719 art 5 s 84; 1989 c 329 art 13 s 20

## 134.351 MULTICOUNTY, MULTITYPE LIBRARY SYSTEMS.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The state board of education, upon the advice of the advisory council to the office of library development and services, may approve the establishment of multicounty, multitype library systems and the geographic boundaries of those systems.

Subd. 2. **Services.** Each multicounty, multitype library system is encouraged to develop services including, but not limited to the following: referral of users, intrasystem reciprocal borrowing, cooperative collection development, cooperative reference services, staff development, research and development, cooperative storage facilities, publicity and community relations.

Subd. 3. **Agreement.** In order for a multicounty, multitype library system to qualify for a planning, development or operating grant pursuant to sections 134.353 and 134.354, each participating library in the system shall adopt an organizational agreement providing for the following:

(a) Sharing of resources among all participating libraries;

(b) Long-range planning for cooperative programs;

(c) The development of a delivery system for services and programs;

(d) The development of a bibliographic data base; and

(e) A communications system among all cooperating libraries.

Subd. 4. **Governance.** In any area where the boundaries of a proposed multicounty, multitype library system coincide with the boundaries of the regional library system, the regional library system board shall be designated as the governing board for the multicounty, multitype library system. In any area where a proposed multicounty, multitype library system encompasses more than one regional library system, the governing board of the multicounty, multitype library system shall consist of nine members appointed by the cooperating regional library system boards from their own membership in proportion to the population served by each cooperating regional library system. In each multicounty, multitype library system there shall be established an advisory committee consisting of two representatives of public libraries, two representatives of school media services, one representative of special libraries, one representative of pub-

lic supported academic libraries, and one representative of private academic libraries. The advisory committee shall recommend needed policy to the system governing board.

**Subd. 5. Property.** All property given, granted, conveyed, donated, devised or bequeathed to, or otherwise acquired by any multicounty multitype library system board shall vest in, and be held in the name of, the multicounty multitype library system board. Any conveyance, grant, donation, devise, bequest, or gift made to, or in the name of, any multicounty multitype library system shall be deemed to have been made directly to the multicounty multitype library system board.

**Subd. 6. Ratification.** All property heretofore given, granted, conveyed, donated, devised, bequeathed to, or otherwise acquired by any multicounty multitype library system board is hereby validated, ratified and confirmed as the property of the board.

**Subd. 7. Reports.** Each multicounty, multitype system receiving a grant pursuant to section 134.353 or 134.354 shall provide an annual progress report to the department of education. The department shall report before November 15 of each even-numbered year to the legislature on all projects funded under sections 134.353 and 134.354.

**History:** 1979 c 334 art 9 s 9; 1981 c 358 art 6 s 28-30; 1983 c 314 art 11 s 13,14; 1Sp1985 c 12 art 9 s 2; 1988 c 718 art 7 s 53

**134.352** [Repealed, 1983 c 314 art 11 s 21]

#### **134.353 MULTICOUNTY, MULTITYPE LIBRARY SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT GRANT.**

The state board of education may provide development grants to multicounty, multitype library systems. In awarding a development grant, the state board shall consider the extra costs incurred in systems located in sparsely populated and large geographic regions.

**History:** 1979 c 334 art 9 s 11; 1983 c 314 art 11 s 15

#### **134.354 MULTICOUNTY, MULTITYPE LIBRARY SYSTEM OPERATING GRANT.**

The state board of education may provide operating grants to multicounty, multitype library systems. In awarding an operating grant, the state board shall consider the extra costs incurred in systems located in sparsely populated and large geographic areas.

**History:** 1983 c 314 art 11 s 16

#### **134.36 RULES.**

The state board of education shall promulgate rules as necessary for implementation of library grant programs.

**History:** 1978 c 546 s 7; 1981 c 358 art 6 s 31; 1983 c 314 art 11 s 17

#### **134.40 PROTECTION OF LIBRARY MATERIAL.**

Section 609.541 describes misuse of library materials and prescribes penalties for intentional removal of, damage to, and detention of library materials.

**History:** 1983 c 280 s 1

#### **134.41 LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION; JOINT FINANCING.**

**Subdivision 1. Local government unit defined.** For purposes of this section, the term "local government unit" means a home rule charter or statutory city, county, or town.

**Subd. 2. Powers.** A local government unit may agree with other local government units to subject taxable property within their boundaries to taxation to discharge debt incurred for the construction of a library and related facilities. The portion of the debt to be discharged by taxation in each unit must be set by agreement. A unit may also

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agree to discharge a portion of the costs of construction or debt incurred for the costs by a transfer of money available to the unit that the unit is not obliged by law to use for some other purpose. A proposed agreement that has a town as a party must be approved at the town's annual meeting by the electors before the agreement is effective. Obligations for the purpose may be issued jointly by the agreeing units without an election and are not subject to the general limit on net debt in any unit. In other respects, the debt must be incurred and discharged in accordance with chapter 475.

**History:** 1987 c 380 art 2 s 1