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LIBRARY LAWS.

STATE LIBRARY.

(76-1) SEC. 1. [State publications to be furnished library commissioners by supervisor of public printing.] The supervisor of public printing is hereby authorized and directed to deliver to the board of library commissioners any number of copies, not exceeding two hundred, of every report ordered printed by the governor or the general assembly, and of all bulletins, pamphlets and other documents that may be printed by or for any department, board or officer. These copies are to be printed in addition to those provided by law for the departments themselves, or for the general assembly, except that the two hundred copies of the laws, senate journal, house journal and executive documents shall be taken from the number now printed. (93 v. 308.)

(76-2) SEC. 2. [State publications to be furnished library commissioners when printed by other officers.] When any printing is done, wholly or in part by the state, under direction of an officer or officers other than the supervisor of public printing, a number of copies, not exceeding two hundred, of each report, pamphlet, bulletin or other publication so printed, shall be delivered to the board of library commissioners by the officer under whose direction the printing is done. (93 v. 308.)

(76-3) SEC. 3. [When board to notify supervisor of number required.] When fewer than two hundred copies of the publications named in sections one and two of this act are desired, the board of library commissioners shall notify the supervisor of public printing or other proper officer, who shall deliver the number required. (93 v. 308.)

(76-4) SEC. 4. [Publications subject to requisition of library commissioners.] Any reports or other publications remaining undistributed in the custody of the secretary of state one year after publication,

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shall be subject to requisition by the board of library commissioners, to be distributed in accordance with sections 350 and 351 of the Revised Statutes, as amended April 22, 1896, (O. L., 92 v. 291). (93 v. 308.)

SEC. 342. [Board of library commissioners; appointment; term; vacancies; non-compensation.] The governor with the advice and consent of the senate shall appoint three persons, residents of the state, who shall constitute a board of library commissioners. One member of said board shall be appointed for two years, one for four years and one for six years; and thereafter the term of office shall be six years. All vacancies on said board to be filled by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate. The members of the board shall receive no compensation for their services. (92 v. 291; 51 v. 320, sections 1, 2, 3; S. & C. 830.)

SEC. 343. [Annual expenses of board.] The board may expend a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars annually, for clerical assistance and incidental and necessary expenses, including traveling expenses in the discharge of its duties; and all sums expended under the provisions of this act shall be paid by the state treasurer on the warrant of the auditor of state, after the bills therefor have been approved by the board. (92 v. 291.)

SEC. 344. [Powers of board; appointment and removal of librarian and assistants; rules.] The board of library commissioners shall have the management of the state library, appoint and remove the librarian, with the consent of the governor, and said library commissioners, with the consent of the librarian, shall appoint the assistants in the library during their pleasure. Make such rules for the government of the library and the use of the books and other property of the library as they may deem necessary. (92 v. 291; 51 v. 320, sec. 2; S. & C. 831.)

SEC. 345. [Bonds of librarian and assistants.] The librarian shall give bond to the state in the sum of ten thousand dollars, with sureties approved by the board of library commissioners, for the faithful discharge of his duties and delivery over to his successor of all the property of the state in his possession. The assistants in the library shall be required to give bond to the state in the sum of one thousand dollars. These bonds shall be deposited with the treasurer of state. (92 v. 291; 51 v. 320, sec. 3; S. & C. 831.)

SEC. 346. [Librarian secretary of board.] The librarian shall be

secretary of the board of library commissioners and shall perform all the duties belonging to that position. (92 v. 291.)

SEC. 347. [Duties of librarian.] The librarian shall have charge of the state library, giving his personal attention and attendance to it and carrying out and enforcing the rules and regulations made therefor by the general assembly and the board of library commissioners. (92 v. 291; 51 v. 320, sec. 6; S. & C. 831.)

SEC. 348. [Commissioners may give advice as to organization and maintenance of free public library.] The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask said board of library commissioners for advice as to all matters pertaining to the organization, maintenance or administration of the library; and the board shall give such advice and personal attention as it shall find practicable. (92 v. 291.)

SEC. 349. [Documents to be delivered to board; style of binding.] The supervisor of public printing shall deliver to the board of library commissioners as many copies of each report and other documents as may be provided by law. These copies are to be bound in the best style of binding that may be ordered by the state in each case. (92 v. 291.)

SEC. 350. [Exchange of publications; statutes.] The board of library commissioners shall arrange for the exchange of the Ohio publications with as many of the states as possible, with the general government, and with other governments, with societies and others as they see fit, placing all exchanges received in the state library, except that all statutes received, not already in the law library, are to be transferred to the law library. (92 v. 291; 51 v. 320, sec. 9; S. & S. 832.)

SEC. 351. [Distribution of state publications.] The board of library commissioners may send to any university, college, public society or individual copies of state publications, at their discretion. (92 v. 291.)

SEC. 352. [Expenditures of appropriations.] The board of library commissioners shall superintend and direct all expenditures of appropriations made for the library. (92 v. 291.)

SEC. 353. [Annual report of board.] The board of library commissioners shall annually make a report to the governor of all receipts

and expenditures and of the condition of the library, and all other matters in relation thereto that they deem expedient for the information of the general assembly; and their report shall be transmitted, by the governor, to the general assembly. (92 v. 291; 51 v. 320, sec. 11; S. & C. 832.)

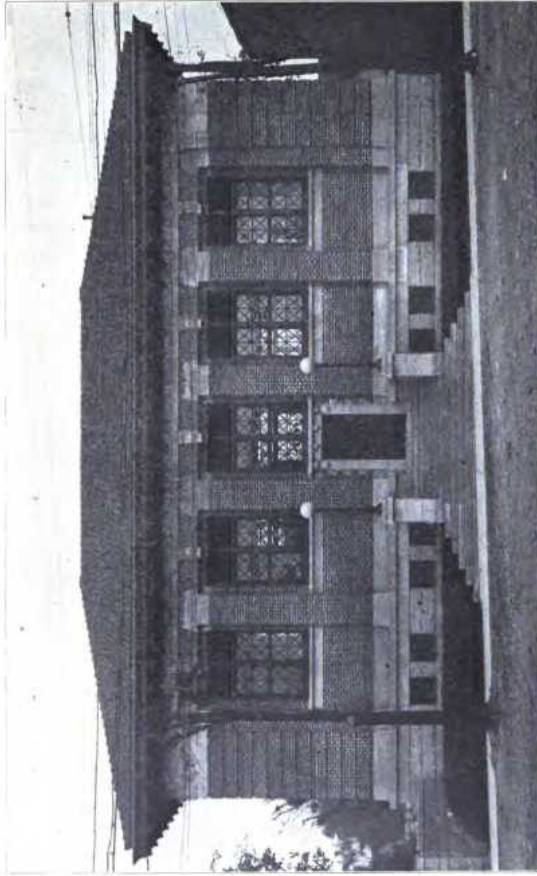
*COUNTY LIBRARY.

Sec. 891a. [Commissioners may receive bequests, etc., for construction of county library; tax for maintaining library.] The commissioners may receive a bequest, donation or gift of a building, or property wherewith to construct a building, for a county library in the county seat of the county, and may enter into an agreement on behalf of the county to provide and maintain a public library therein. Any county accepting such bequest, donation or gift shall be bound to faithfully carry out the agreement so made to provide and maintain such library. The commissioners of any such county are hereby authorized, at their March or June session each year, to levy a tax of not exceeding a half mill on each dollar of taxable property of such county, and the fund derived from such levy shall constitute a special fund to be known as library fund, and shall be used for no purpose other than is contemplated in this section. [93 v. 355.]

TOWNSHIP LIBRARY.

Sec. 1476. [Question of public library shall be submitted to electors.] The trustees of any township, on the petition of twenty electors thereof, shall upon four weeks' public notice, published in some paper of general circulation in the county, submit to the electors of such township, at some general election in April or November, the question whether there shall be a public library established in such township for the use and benefit of the citizens thereof, and those voting at such election in favor of such library, shall put upon their ballots the words "Public library—Yes," and those voting thereat against such library, the words, "Public library—No;" and if a majority of the electors voting at such election vote in favor thereof, the trustees aforesaid have authority, annually, to levy upon all the taxable property of such township a tax not exceeding one mill on the dollar valuation thereof, to be applied to the establishment and maintenance of a library as aforesaid, and the procuring of a suitable room or rooms for the same. (70 v. 244, sec. 1. 95 v. 506. 97 v. —.)

* Under the law the Bromback Library of Van Wert County has been established.



HERRICK LIBRARY, WELLINGTON, OHIO.

Gift of Governor Myron T. Herrick. Dedicated January 2, 1904. It stands on the historic site of the famous Oberlin-Wellington Rescue. The Library is open to the village and township of Wellington. It will be operated under the Township Library Act.