

256.52 Commission of libraries established — duties of commission and state librarian — state library fund created.

1. *a.* The state commission of libraries consists of one member appointed by the supreme court, the director of the department of education, or the director's designee, and the following seven members who shall be appointed by the governor to serve four-year terms beginning and ending as provided in section 69.19.

(1) Two members shall be employed in the state as public librarians.

(2) One member shall be a public library trustee.

(3) One member shall be employed in this state as an academic librarian.

(4) One member shall be employed as a librarian by a school district or area education agency.

(5) Two members shall be selected at large.

b. The members shall be reimbursed for their actual expenditures necessitated by their official duties. Members may also be eligible for compensation as provided in section 7E.6.

2. The commission shall elect one of its members as chairperson. The commission shall meet at the time and place specified by call of the chairperson. Five members are a quorum for the transaction of business.

3. *a.* The commission shall appoint the state librarian who shall administer the division, and serve at the pleasure of the commission.

b. The state librarian shall do all of the following:

(1) Organize, staff, and administer the division so as to render the greatest benefit to libraries in the state.

(2) Submit a biennial report to the governor on the activities and an evaluation of the division and its programs and policies.

(3) Control all property of the division. The state librarian may dispose of, through sale, conveyance, or exchange, any library materials that may be obsolete or worn out or that may no longer be needed or appropriate to the mission of the state library of Iowa. These materials may be sold by the state library directly or the library may sell the materials by consignment with an outside entity. A state library fund is created in the state treasury. Proceeds from the sale of the library materials shall be remitted to the treasurer of state and credited to the state library fund and shall be used for the purchase of books and other library materials. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any balance in the fund on June 30 of any fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of the state.

(4) Appoint and approve the technical, professional, secretarial, and clerical staff necessary to accomplish the purposes of the division subject to chapter 8A, subchapter IV.

(4A) (a) Assume all of the outstanding obligations of the library service areas and be liable for and recognize, assume, and carry out all valid contracts and obligations of the library service areas that are consolidated under the commission and administered by the division effective beginning July 1, 2011. Each library service area shall transfer, prior to July 1, 2011, its state-funded assets and title to any state-funded real estate owned by the library service area to the state librarian. In the event that the remaining assets and liabilities cannot be transferred to the state librarian, the board of directors of a library service area shall liquidate all assets, settle existing liabilities, and transfer remaining moneys to the general fund of the state. In addition, all fund balances from appropriations of state funds allocated to the library service areas remaining unobligated and unencumbered on the date of the transfer shall be transferred to the general fund of the state.

(b) This subparagraph is repealed July 1, 2015.

(5) Perform other duties imposed by law.

4. The commission shall adopt rules under chapter 17A for carrying out the responsibilities of the division.

5. The commission shall receive and approve the budget and unified plan of service submitted by the division.

93 Acts, ch 48, §19; 94 Acts, ch 1193, §18; 96 Acts, ch 1215, §21; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §223; 2010 Acts, ch 1031, §317, 318, 321; 2010 Acts, ch 1061, §180; 2011 Acts, ch 132, §51 – 54, 69, 106

Referred to in §256.51

[SP] Governor's appointee serving on commission on July 27, 2011, shall continue to serve until expiration of term; provision applies retroactively to June 30, 2011; 2011 Acts, ch 132, §67, 106