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CHAPTER XVII.

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PROVIDING FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

MARCH 20.

AN ACT to Provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of free Public Libraries in Cities and incorporated Towns.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* [That] the council of any city or incorporated town in this State may raise and appropriate money, not exceeding in amount one mill upon the dollar, of the assessed valuation of the taxable property of such city or incorporated town, in any one year, to procure books, maps, charts, periodicals, and other publications, for the establishment and perpetual maintenance of a free public library within the limits of such city or incorporated town. And the council of such city or incorporated town, out of the fund so raised, may appropriate money for the purchase of such land and the erection of such buildings as may be necessary for the suitable accommodation thereof, or for the hiring or leasing of rooms for such purpose, and for the compensation of such officers or agents as may be necessarily employed in the establishment and management of such library.

City or town council may raise 1-mill tax for library.

May purchase or lease property for same.

Powers of council in reference to library.

SEC. 2. The council of any such city or incorporated town, accepting the provisions of this act, may enact rules, by-laws, and ordinances for the establishment and maintenance of such library, provide for the election or appointment of officers and agents, and may assess and levy a yearly tax for the support and maintenance thereof, not exceeding the amount named in the first section of this act.

Library to be free to all.

Rules and regulations to be made by council.

SEC. 3. Every public library, established and maintained under the provision of this act, shall be open to the free use of every inhabitant of the municipal corporation by which it is established, for the general diffusion of intelligence among all classes of the community, subject to such rules and regulations for the well-ordering and careful preservation thereof, as may be established and ordained by the council of such city or incorporated town.

Cities and towns may receive and control gifts for libraries.

SEC. 4. Any such city or incorporated town may receive, hold, and possess, or sell and dispose of, any and all gifts, donations, devises, bequests, and legacies, as [that] may be made to such city or incorporated town for the purpose of establishing, increasing, or improving any such public library; and the city or town council thereof

may apply the use, profits, proceeds, interest, and rents accruing therefrom in such manner as will best promote the prosperity and utility of such library.

Authority of council.

SEC. 5. Every city or incorporated town, in which such a public library shall be established and maintained under the provisions of this act, shall be entitled to receive a copy of the laws, journals, and all other works published by authority of the State, after the establishment of such library, for the use of such library, and the Secretary of State is hereby authorized and required to furnish the same from year to year to such city or incorporated town.

Libraries to receive copies of public documents.

Secretary of State to furnish same.

SEC. 6. Any city or incorporated town of this State, proposing to accept the benefits of this act, shall, before exercising the powers herein conferred, submit to a vote of the people at any municipal election of such city or incorporated town, the question, "Shall the city or town council (as the case may be) accept the benefit of an act of the legislature for the creation and maintenance of a free public library? Yes—No."

Vote of the people.

SEC. 7. So much of chapter forty-five, of the acts of the Thirteenth General Assembly as conflicts with this act, is hereby repealed.

Repeal, 1870; ch. 45.

SEC. 8. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after its publication in the Daily State Register and State Leader, newspapers published in Des Moines.

In force, when.

Approved, March 20th, 1872.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Daily State Leader*, March 22, and the *Daily Iowa State Register*, March 26, 1872.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State*.

ALLOWING TOWNSHIPS TO ADOPT THE HERD LAW.

AN ACT to Enable Civil Townships to adopt the Provisions of MARCH 20, Chapter 26, of the Laws of the Thirteenth General Assembly, entitled "An Act to restrain Stock from running at Large."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly* Townships may adopt act restraining stock. of the State of Iowa, That it shall be lawful for any civil township to adopt the provisions of chapter 26 of