

## CHAPTER 50.

AN ACT to amend sections 2 and 4 of chapter 41 of the acts of the S. F. 113. Twenty-fifth General Assembly, in relation to public libraries.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. That section 2 of chapter 41, acts of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly be, and the same is, hereby so amended as to read as follows:

“Sec. 2. Said board of library trustees shall have and exercise the following powers: To meet and organize by the election of one of their number as president of the board, and by the election of a secretary and such other officers as the board may deem necessary; to have charge, control, and supervision of the public library, its appurtenances and fixtures and rooms containing the same, directing and controlling all the affairs of such library; to employ a librarian and such other assistants and employes as may be necessary for the proper management of said library, and fix their compensation, but prior to such employment the compensation of such librarian and assistants shall be fixed for the term of employment by a majority of the members of said board voting in favor thereof; to remove such librarian, assistants, or employes by a vote of two-thirds of such board for misdemeanor, incompetency, or inattention to the duties of such employment; to select and make purchases of books, pamphlets, magazines, periodicals, papers, maps, journals, furniture, fixtures, stationery, and supplies for such library; to make and adopt, amend, modify, or repeal by-laws, rules, and regulations not inconsistent with law for the care, use, government, and management of such library and the business of said board, fixing and enforcing penalties for the violation thereof; to have exclusive control of the expenditure of all taxes levied under section 461 of the Code of Iowa, and chapter 99 of the acts of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, and of all other moneys belonging to the library fund. Said board shall keep a record of its proceedings.”

SEC. 2. That section 4 of said chapter 41, acts of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, be, and the same is, hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“Sec. 4. The board of library trustees shall, before the first day of August in each year, determine and fix the amount or rate, not exceeding one mill on the dollar in cities of the first class and not exceeding two (2) mills on the dollar in incorporated towns and cities of the second class, of the taxable valuation of such city or town, to be appropriated for one year under section 461 of the Code

Sec. 2, Ch. 41,  
25 G. A.,  
amended.

Power of  
board of  
library trust-  
tees.

Shall have  
charge of pub-  
lic libraries.

Employ a  
librarian.

Compensa-  
tion of  
librarian.

Remove libra-  
rian.

Purchase of  
reading  
matter.

Make rules  
and regula-  
tions.

Have control  
of tax levy  
and moneys.

Sec. 4, Ch. 41,  
Acts 25 G. A.,  
amended.

Board to fix  
rate of tax.

Tax appropri-  
ated for one  
year.

Amount not  
to exceed 3  
mills.

Rates to be  
certified to  
county audi-  
tor.

of Iowa for the maintenance of such library, and the amount or rate not exceeding three mills on the dollar of the taxable valuation of such city, be levied and collected under the authority and provisions of chapter 99, acts of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, and cause each of the amounts or rates so determined and fixed to be certified to the council, and the council shall levy the taxes necessary to raise said sums respectively for such year, and certify the percentage or rates, not exceeding said rates respectively, of such tax to the county auditor with other taxes levied by the city or incorporated town for such year, under section 495 of the Code of Iowa."

Approved March 19, 1896.

### CHAPTER 51.

H. F. 470.

AN ACT to authorize cities acting under special charter to use parks, public squares, or plats of ground for free public library purposes.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Public parks  
may be used  
for library  
buildings.

SEC. 1. Any city acting under special charter in which is situated a public park, public square, or plat of ground deeded or dedicated to said city, or to the public, may use such park, square, or plat, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the erection thereon of a free public library building or buildings.

Approved April 14, 1896.

### CHAPTER 52.

H. F. 162.

AN ACT to amend section 1433 of the Code, as amended by chapter 179 of the Acts of the 12th General Assembly and chapter 26, Acts of the 15th General Assembly, relating to care of the insane.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Sec. 1433, code,  
Ch. 179, Acts  
12 G. A.,  
Amended.

SECTION 1. That section one thousand four hundred and thirty-three of the code of Iowa, as amended by chapter 179 of the acts of the 12th General Assembly and chapter 26, acts of the 15th General Assembly, be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

Estates of in-  
sane or  
idiotic per-  
sons or per-  
sons legally  
bound for  
support liable  
to county.

*Provided* that the estates of all "insane or idiotic persons and all persons legally bound for the support of such persons who may be treated in any county asylum or poor-house, other than" at or in either of the state hospitals for the insane within this state, shall be liable to the county furnishing such treatment, sustenance, and supplies for the reasonable value thereof, which value shall be determined in the first instance by the board of supervisors.

Repealing  
clause.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved Apr. 4, 1896.