

CHAP. 367.

Receive
copy of laws,
journals,
etc.

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted*, That every public library established under this law shall receive annually from the State a copy of the laws, journals and all other books published by the authority of the State, and in return therefor shall transmit a copy of their annual report to the State Library.

Exempt from
taxes.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That all real estate acquired for the use and benefit of any library and reading room, as aforesaid, established with the accrements thereon, and all property that shall be a part of any such library and reading room, shall be exempt from all State, county and municipality taxation.

Library com-
missioners
appointed.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That the Governor shall appoint five persons, residents of the State, who shall constitute the five library commissioners. One member of said board shall be appointed for a term of three years, one for a term of two years and one for a term of one year, and thereafter the term of office of the commissioners shall be for the term of five years. All vacancies in said board, whether occurring by expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled by the Governor.

Advice
and counsel
given.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That the commission shall give advice and counsel to all free libraries in the State, and to all committees which may propose to establish them, as to the best means of establishing and administering such libraries, the selection of books, cataloguing and other details of library management, and the librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask said commission for advice in regard to the establishment of libraries, the selection of books, cataloguing of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library, and the commission shall give such advice in regard to such matters as it shall find practicable. No member of the board of free library commission shall receive any compensation, but the board may expend a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars annually for clerical assistance and appropriated out of the moneys in the treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated, to the free library commission the sum of one thousand dollars, and any balance not expended in any one year may be added to the expenditures for any ensuing year.

Officers to be
elected.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers of the free library commission shall be a chairman, to be elected from the members thereof, for a term of one year, and a secretary, not of its own number, to be appointed by the commission, and who will serve at the will of the commission, under such conditions and for such compensation as to it shall seem adequate; said secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings