

divided by the population in each county and in the State as a whole, respectively, to obtain the wealth per capita in each county and in the State. The per capita wealth in each county shall be divided by the per capita wealth in the State as a whole to obtain the ratio of local wealth per capita to State wealth per capita. This ratio shall be multiplied by 70 per cent to determine the local percentage share. The State's percentage share shall be obtained by subtracting the local percentage share from 100 per cent. No participating county shall receive less State aid than 20 per cent of the cost of the program in which the State shares. In making these computations the average local population and assessment data for the three preceding years shall be used.

(b) Created. As of July 1, ~~1962~~, 1963, the beginning of the State's fiscal year ~~1963~~, 1964, and continuing thereafter, there is created a local-State cooperative program for the support and growth of public libraries, as in this section provided.

(c) General Policy. For each county which elects to participate in the cooperative program, there shall be provided annually for the purposes of the minimum program for current expenditures of libraries from local and State funds, an amount for each resident of the county which is not less than one dollar and twenty cents (\$1.20). The State shall share in an expenditure of \$1.20 per capita of approved public library service. Local tax sources shall include all monies appropriated to the Public Library Fund by the counties or participating municipalities.

Any county may provide an amount in excess of its share of the cooperative program, but the State shall not share in the excess.

(d) Local-State share of cost. Of the entire cost of the cooperative program for approved public libraries for the State as a whole, the State shall appropriate approximately thirty per centum (30%) of the cost of the minimum program. The counties participating in the program, in the aggregate, shall appropriate approximately seventy per centum (70%) of the entire cost throughout the State. For an individual county, the percentage of local support for the cooperative program in which the State shares in no event shall exceed eighty per centum (80%) and the percentage of State support in no event shall be less than twenty per centum (20%) of the cost of the minimum program.

(e) Formula. The amount of a county's contribution to the cooperative program is determined by the following computation:

$$\frac{\text{equalized assessment valuation per capita for the county}}{\text{equalized assessment valuation per capita for the State}} = X \text{ ratio,}$$

which is multiplied by 70; and this product is the percentage of the total cost which is to be paid by the county. The remaining percentage of the total cost is the State's share and shall be paid by the State. The total cost in any county is the product of its population multiplied by the appropriate amount per capita as provided in this section. Any county may provide an amount in excess of its share of the minimum program, but the State shall not share in the excess.

(f) County Taxes. The appropriate officials of the several counties and of participating municipalities may levy for and appropriate