

assessors shall notify said collector not to enforce the collection of such assessment ; but when an estate, the collection of the assessment upon which has not been enforced under such notice, comes into the possession of another person as owner, the amount of such assessment shall be paid by such new owner in like manner, subject to the same provisions of law as if an original assessment.

Assessments to be made under act as amended.

SECTION 3. The board of aldermen of said city shall adjust all sewer assessments made under said act so that the said assessments shall be as if made under the said act as hereby amended, and said city shall thereupon refund any excess in the amount of said assessments paid to said city.

Liability incurred, etc., not to be affected.

SECTION 4. The repeal or alteration by this act of any provisions of law shall not affect any act done, liability incurred, or right accrued and established, or any suit or proceedings to enforce such right or liability, under the authority of the laws hereby repealed or altered, except as hereinbefore provided.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 28, 1890.

Chap. 347 AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND EFFICIENCY OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Board of library commissioners to be appointed.

SECTION 1. The governor with the advice and consent of the council shall appoint five persons, residents of the Commonwealth, who shall constitute a board of library commissioners. The governor shall designate the chairman thereof. One member of said board shall be appointed for the term of five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year ; and thereafter the term of office of the commissioners shall be five years. All vacancies on said board, whether occurring by expiration of term or otherwise, shall be filled by the governor with the advice and consent of the council.

Vacancies.

Board may be asked to advise as to selection of books, etc.

SECTION 2. The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask said board for advice in regard to the selection of books, the cataloguing of books and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library ; and the board shall give such advice in regard to said matters as it shall find practicable. The board shall make a report of its doings to the general court in January

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of each year, and fifteen hundred copies of said report shall be printed as one of the public document series.

SECTION 3. Said board is hereby authorized and directed to expend, upon the application of the board of library trustees of any town having no free public library owned and controlled by the town, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for books for any such town entitled to the benefits of this act; such books to be used by said trustees for the purpose of establishing a free public library, and said commissioners shall select and purchase all books to be provided as aforesaid.

May expend money for books.

SECTION 4. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this act until such town has accepted the provisions hereof at a regularly called town meeting, and has elected a board of library trustees as provided in chapter three hundred and four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and until said trustees shall have provided, in a manner satisfactory to the board of commissioners, for the care, custody and distribution of the books furnished in accordance with this act.

Subject to acceptance by towns.
1888, 304.

SECTION 5. Any town accepting the provisions of this act shall annually appropriate from the dog tax, or shall otherwise annually provide for the use and maintenance of its free public library, a sum not less than fifty dollars if its last assessed valuation was one million dollars or upward, or a sum not less than twenty-five dollars if said valuation was less than one million and not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or a sum not less than fifteen dollars if said valuation was less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Appropriations by towns for maintenance of library.

SECTION 6. No member of the board of commissioners shall receive any compensation, but the board may expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars annually for clerical assistance and incidental and necessary expenses in the discharge of its duties; and all sums expended under the provisions of this act shall be paid from the treasury after the bills therefor have been approved by the board and sent to the auditor of the Commonwealth, who shall certify to the governor and council the amount due as in case of all other bills and accounts approved by him under the provisions of law.

Commissioners to serve without compensation. Clerical assistance, etc.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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