

CHAPTER 251.

[H. B. 337.]

RURAL COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to Rural County Library Districts, amending section 4a, chapter 119, Laws of 1935, having been added thereto by section 4, chapter 65, Laws of 1941 (section 8226-4a, Rem. Supp. 1941); and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature by the State of Washington:

- Amendments.** SECTION 1. Section 4a, chapter 119, Laws of 1935, having been added thereto by section 4, chapter 65, Laws of 1941 (section 8226-4a, Rem. Supp. 1941), is hereby amended to read as follows:
- Districts render free service.** Section 4a. Rural County Library Districts are hereby authorized for the purpose of giving free public library service to their residents. Such districts shall include all areas of the county outside incorporated cities and towns. A rural county library district may be established by a majority vote of the people voting on the proposition in the district.
- Establish by vote.** The procedure for the establishment of such a Rural County Library District shall be as follows: (1) petitions signed by at least one hundred (100) tax paying citizens of the county, outside of the area of incorporated cities and towns, asking that the question:
- Procedure.** "Shall a Rural County Library District be established?" shall be filed with the Board of County Commissioners. (2) The Board of County Commissioners, after having determined that the petition was signed by the requisite number of qualified petitioners, shall place the proposition for the establishment of a Rural County Library District on the ballot for the vote of the people of the county, outside incorporated cities and towns, at the next succeeding general or special election. (3) If a majority of the electors voting on the proposition vote in favor of the establishment of a Rural County Library District, the Board of County Commissioners
- Question.**

shall forthwith declare it established. After the Board of County Commissioners has declared a Rural County Library District established, it shall appoint a Board of Library Trustees as is provided in section 8 hereof and provide funds for the establishment and maintenance of library service for the district by making a tax levy on the property in the district of not more than two (2) mills per annum sufficient for the library service as is required by the budget submitted to the Board of County Commissioners by the Board of Library Trustees. Such levies shall be a part of the general tax roll and shall be collected as a part of the general taxes against the property in the district. The Board of Library Trustees of the district shall have authority to contract indebtedness and evidence the same by the issuance and sale at par plus accrued interest not exceeding six per cent (6%) per annum of coupon warrants of the district in such form as the Board of Library Trustees shall determine, and the same may be issued in advance of the tax levy. Such warrants, signed by the chairman and the secretary of the Board of Library Trustees, shall be payable at such time or times as the Board of Library Trustees shall provide not longer than six (6) years from the date thereof. Such coupon warrants shall be payable to bearer, shall have interest coupons attached providing for the payment of interest semi-annually on the first day of January and of July, and the issuance thereof shall be recorded in the office of the County Treasurer in a book kept for that purpose. All outstanding district warrants of every kind shall outlaw and become void after six (6) years from the maturity date thereof where money shall be available in the proper fund of the district within that time for their payment. At no time shall the total indebtedness of the district exceed an amount that could be raised by a two (2) mill levy on the then existing valuation of the property of the district. It shall be the duty

Commissioners appoint trustees.

Provide funds by tax levy.

Levy limited to 2 mills.

Powers of library board.

Debt limit.

Treasurer
to handle
funds.

of the County Treasurer of the county in which any Rural County Library District is created under this act to receive and disburse all district revenues and to collect all taxes levied under this act.

Public
corporation.

A rural County Library District shall be a public corporation with such powers as are necessary to carry out its functions and for taxation purposes shall have the power vested in municipal corporations for such purposes.

Effective
immediately.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and the existing public institutions of the state and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House February 27, 1943.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1943.

Approved by the Governor March 22, 1943.

CHAPTER 252.

[S. B. 47.]

CODIFICATION OF STATUTES RELATING TO COUNTIES.

AN ACT relating to the codification of constitutional and statutory provisions relating to counties and county officers, and to the statutory law of the state in general; providing for the continuous revision and codification of statutes of a general and permanent nature; amending section 5, chapter 149, Laws of 1941; and further amending chapter 149, Laws of 1941 (sections 152-36 to 152-39, Rem. Supp. 1941), by adding thereto three (3) new sections to be known as sections 6, 7 and 8; making appropriation and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Amendments.

SECTION 1. Section 5, chapter 149, Laws of 1941, is amended to read as follows:

Continuing
committee.

Section 5. The Committee shall be a continuing Code Committee with full power of revision and codification of the laws above referred to, and shall