

CHAPTER XLIII.

[H. B. No. 128.]

RELATING TO FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

AN ACT to promote and establish the efficiency of free public libraries, and for the purpose of establishing a state library commission, and appropriating \$2,000 for traveling library fund.

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

Governor shall
appoint.

SECTION 1. The Governor shall appoint two persons, one of whom, at least, shall be a woman, who with the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the president of the State University, the president of the Agricultural College and School of Science, and one person chosen by the State Federation of Woman's Clubs shall constitute the Washington State Library Commission.

Term of office.

SEC. 2. The first members appointed by the Governor shall be appointed for terms of two and four years from June 1st, 1901, and all subsequent appointments shall be for terms of four years, excepting appointments to fill vacancies.

Location of
office.

Biennial
report.

SEC. 3. The commission shall, if called upon, give advice and counsel to all free public libraries and to all school libraries in the state and to all communities which may propose to establish them and shall organize, as far as possible, and develop the free traveling library system. The commission shall have its office at the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and shall make a biennial report to the Governor, one thousand copies of which shall be published as other official reports.

Compensation.

SEC. 4. No member of the commission shall ever receive any compensation for services as a member thereof, but at the end of two years said commission may employ a secretary, not one of its own members, who shall be a woman and shall serve at the will of the commission and shall have such compensation and under such conditions as it shall determine, she shall keep a record of the proceedings of the commission, keep accurate accounts of the financial transactions of the commission, act under its directions in organizing

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or improving libraries and such other work as the commission may direct, and she shall in addition to her salary as secretary be allowed her necessary traveling expenses while absent from her office in the service of the commission, the same to be certified to in the same manner as other expenses incurred by the commission.

Expenses allowed secretary.

SEC. 5. All bills incurred by the commission under this law, including the purchase of books for the free traveling libraries, shall be certified to by the chairman and the secretary of the commission to the State Auditor, who shall audit the same as the accounts of state officers.

Auditing and payment of accounts.

SEC. 6. There is hereby appropriated from the general funds of the state not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,000 for the maintenance of free traveling libraries under the supervision of the State Library Commission as herein provided.

Appropriation.

Passed the House February 16, 1901.

Passed the Senate March 1, 1901.

Approved by the Governor, March 2, 1901.

CHAPTER XLIV.

[H. B. No. 238.]

APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN DEFICIENCIES FOR FISCAL PERIODS.

AN ACT making appropriations for certain deficiencies for fiscal periods prior to March 31, 1901, and for other purposes.

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

SECTION 1. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of the general fund for the purposes hereinafter designated, in payment of deficiencies of the present and past fiscal periods, not heretofore provided for, and the State Auditor is directed to draw his warrants in pay-

Deficiency appropriations.