

CHAPTER 232.

[ H. B. 245. ]

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

AN ACT relating to education through enlarged and equalized public library services and facilities; making an appropriation therefor; and declaring that this act shall take effect April 1, 1945.

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

Surveys of public library needs.

SECTION 1. In order to provide, expand, enlarge and equalize public library facilities and services and thereby promote and stimulate interest in reading throughout the entire state, the State Library Commission shall, from time to time, make studies and surveys of public library needs and adopt rules and regulations for the allocation of money to public libraries to be expended on vouchers approved by the Commission.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of two hundred eighty-three thousand dollars (\$283,000) to carry out the purposes of this act: *Provided*, That the Commission may expend not to exceed five (5) per centum thereof for expenses in administering this act: *And provided further*, That the Commission may by resolution designate and authorize certain of its members to approve vouchers for the costs and expenses of administering this act.

Effective immediately.

SEC. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety and the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect April 1, 1945.

Passed the House March 6, 1945.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1945.