

## CHAPTER 82.

[H. B. 51.]

## ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

AN ACT to amend an act authorizing the establishment of public libraries in cities.

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

How estab-  
lished.

SECTION 1. That section 981 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows: That whenever three or more resident taxpayers of any city of the first, second or third class, or any city of like population existing under special legislative charter, shall present to the mayor and council of such city their petition in writing for the establishment of a public library in said city, together with their private agreement to donate to the city, within three months thereafter for the use of such library, one thousand dollars in money or books, the said council may appoint three reputable citizens of said city to act as directors of the public library, except where city charters otherwise provide for the organization and management of public libraries.

Council  
may levy  
tax.

SEC. 2. That section 984 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows: The city council of every such city, after the directors have made the report mentioned in the second section of this chapter, annually and in the same manner as other city taxes are levied, may levy a tax of not more than one-half mill on the dollar in cities having an assessed valuation of two million dollars or more or such tax as may be necessary to raise one thousand dollars in cities having an assessed valuation of less than two million dollars for the support of such library. The money so raised shall be kept as a separate fund, to be known as the library fund, and shall be disbursed for library purposes only.

Passed the House February 15th, 1907.

Passed the Senate February 27th, 1907.

Approved by the Governor March 7th, 1907.