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Section 2. An emergency is here-

by declared to exist and this Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Approved March 3, 1955

CHAPTER 16

AN ACT

To create and establish a Territorial Library Service; providing for the administration thereof; repealing Secs. 37-12-11 through 37-12-14, ACLA, 1949, and Chap. 107, SLA, 1949; and setting an effective date.

(S. B. 34)

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

Section 1. Creation of Department. There is hereby created and established a Department of Library Service. The management and control of this Department is hereby vested in a Board which shall be known as the Board of Library Service.

Section 2. Board; Members; Terms. The Board of Library Service shall consist of five members, who shall be appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Legislature. One member shall be selected from each judicial division and one at large. Members of the Board shall serve terms of four years, except that in making

the first appointments under this Act, two of the members shall be appointed for two years.

Section 3. Board; Powers. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Library Service: (a) to stimulate and encourage citizen participation in the development of library facilities, and to advise the Territorial Librarian on all matters relating to the improvement of library service; (b) to establish policies, plans and procedures of the department, and to formulate such reasonable rules and orders, with penalties, as may be required and are not in conflict with the Constitution of the United States and the laws of the Territory; (c) to appoint the Territorial Librarian for a term of two years.

Section 4. Territorial Librarian; Qualifications; Duties. Under the general policy direction of the Board, the Territorial Librarian shall be the head of the Library Service Department and shall be fully responsible for the effective development and control of this department. The Librarian shall be a citizen of the United States, a graduate of a Library School accredited by the American Library Association, and shall have had at least three years' experience in a public library.

The Librarian shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Board, keep an accurate account of its financial transactions, and perform such other duties as said Board may assign; the Librarian shall be authorized to sign the vouchers for all expenditures made in connection with the Department of Library Service.

Section 5. Department; Functions. The Library Service Department is hereby authorized and directed to undertake library service functions which will benefit the Territory and its citizens, including: (a) to coordinate library services of the Territory with the other educational services and agencies so as to increase effectiveness and to avoid waste and duplication; (b) to provide reference library service to Territorial and other public officials; (c) to provide library service and administer Territorial grants-in-aid to libraries to supplement and improve their services, and to provide service directly to

areas in which there is not sufficient population or local revenue to support independent library units, such grants to be paid from funds appropriated for that purpose, or from other funds that are available for that purpose; (d) to issue financial aid to municipally-owned libraries for their service to surrounding areas under rules and regulations promulgated by the Board; (e) to serve as a clearing house and offer a consultant service on library problems to Territorial libraries and municipal libraries, community libraries, school libraries, and libraries in unincorporated communities; (f) to cooperate with library agencies of other territories and states and U. S. Government libraries; (g) to recommend to the Governor for presentation to the Legislature, from time to time, such legislation as may be required to carry out the intent of this Act; (h) to prepare the budget required for the Territorial Library Service, whether the funds to be used are to be derived from Federal, Territorial or private sources; (i) to make application for, and to receive and expend such Federal, Territorial or private funds as may be available for these purposes; (j) to employ personnel, acquire, build or dispose of real and personal property, as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Act.

Section 6. Grant-in-Aid; Limitation. The Territory of Alaska shall provide, to associations, incorporated under the laws of the Territory, for the purpose of maintaining

public libraries, assistance to the extent of paying to such associations a sum equal to the sums which the latter shall expend in purchasing books and magazines for public libraries in the Territory, not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty (\$250.00) Dollars in any one year to each association, in accordance with the rules of the Library Service Department.

Section 7. Grant-in-Aid; Application for. Any such association desiring to receive the benefits of this Act shall file a copy of its articles of incorporation and by-laws with the Territorial Librarian, and shall after each election of officers file with the Territorial Librarian a statement showing who are the officers of such association. Each association shall keep an accurate record of monies spent on purchasing books, and on subscriptions for periodicals, together with the record showing authors and titles of books and periodicals purchased. A copy of said records shall be sent to the Territorial Librarian at the close of each fiscal year.

Section 8. Grant-in-Aid; Payment. Any association that during any fiscal year complied with the provisions of this Act and the rules thereunder promulgated by the Board shall be entitled to receive from the Treasurer of the Territory, upon vouchers approved by the Territorial Librarian, the au-

thorized amount of aid, Provided, that no payment made for purchase of any books of a religious or sectarian nature, or for any other property, except books and magazines shall be counted as part of the sums for which reimbursement may be claimed under this Act.

Section 9. Salaries and Appropriations. The minimum salary of the Territorial Librarian shall be \$5,400.00 per annum. Upon the recommendation of the Territorial Librarian, the Board shall determine the number of the staff of the Department of Library Service and the staff salaries, subject to the limitations of available appropriations. Funds for the operation of the Department of Library Service and for the expenses of the Board of Library Service shall be appropriated by the Legislature. The agency in charge of the Alaska Office Building shall furnish suitable quarters for the Department of Library Service.

Section 10. Repealer. Sections 37-12-11 through 37-12-14, Alaska Compiled Laws Annotated, 1949, and Chapter 107, Session Laws of Alaska, 1949, are hereby repealed.

Section 11. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval, or upon its becoming law without such approval, and it is so enacted.

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