WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1937

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SENATE BILL No. 3/3

(By Mr. Galbraith)

PASSED March 12 1937

In Effect Passage

ENROLLED Senate Bill No. 313

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[Passed March 12, 1937; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact chapter one hundred eighteen, acts of the Legislature of West Virginia, first extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three, relating to the appointment of a board of trustees of the Ohio county public library, and to the ownership, management and operation of the Ohio county public library.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That chapter one hundred eighteen, acts of the Legislature of West Virginia, first extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 1. Title to the public library of the city of 2 Wheeling heretofore owned and operated by the independent school district of said city, is hereby vested in a board of 3 trustees to be known as the "Board of Trustees of the Ohio County Public Library," which board is hereby created. Said 5 board is hereby made a body corporate and by that name 6 may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, contract and be contracted with. Said board shall consist of five citizens 8 9 of the county of Ohio, and shall be appointed in the manner hereinafter set out and shall serve without compensation, and 10 11 shall hold no remunerative political office, either state, county 12 or municipal; no member of the board shall be eligible to 13 appointment to any remunerative office or position under the 14 jurisdiction of said board, and not more than three of the 15 members shall belong to the same political party, and at least two of the members shall be women.

Sec. 2. The appointment of members of the said board heretofore made under the provisions of section two, chapter one hundred eighteen, acts of the Legislature, first extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three, is hereby ratified, approved and confirmed, and the persons ap-

6 pointed as such members shall continue to hold office for the 7 respective terms for which they were appointed. The acts of such board as such, heretofore made, are hereby ratified, approved and confirmed. The respective successors of said members shall be appointed by the Clerk of the circuit court 11 of Ohio county for a term of five years each, excepting that 12 any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the 13 expiration of the term vacated, shall serve only for the unexpired term, and the members shall be eligible for reappointment: Provided, however, That any vacancy created, except by the expiration of a term, shall be filled by the said board 16 17 of trustees. The said board shall annually elect from among 18 its members a chairman and a secretary-treasurer, who shall 19 hold office for one year and be eligible for reelection, and 20 annually thereafter said board shall organize by the election of a chairman and secretary-treasurer. Members of the board 21 22 may be removed from office in the same manner as provided for the removal of county officers under section seven, article 23 24 six, chapter six of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one.

Sec. 3. Title to said library property, including real estate, equipment, books, and all other property of whatsoever 2 3 nature is hereby vested as of July first, one thousand nine hundred thirty-three, and said board of education and their 4 5 successors. The board of education shall have all and sole 6 power necessary, convenient and advisable for the proper operation, equipment and management of said library, and 7 8 any and all other public libraries or branch libraries established or acquired by the said board, either by gift or pur-10 chase, and shall make such rules and regulations as it shall deem expedient for the care and management thereof.

Sec. 4. In order to provide for the maintenance and operation of said public library and any and all branches thereof, the board of education of Ohio county shall levy annually not 3 to exceed three cents, upon request by the said board of trustees, on each one hundred dollars of the assessed valua-5 tion of property within the limits of Ohio county, according 6 to the last assessment thereof for state and county purposes. 7 8 The proceeds of this levy will be for the exclusive use of said public library or any branches thereof or any other public 9 libraries acquired by purchase or otherwise by said board of 10

- 11 trustees, and shall be disbursed only upon order of the said
- 11a board of trustees, evidenced by warrants drawn on the sheriff
- 12 of Ohio county, and signed by the chairman and secretary-
- 13 treasurer of said board. Said levy shall be included within
- 14 the limits and be a part of the levy or levies authorized by law
- 15 to be laid by said board of education of Ohio county.
- 16 All income realized by the operation of said public library
- 17 or other libraries or branches thereof, from the rental of
- 18 books or otherwise, other than as proceeds of the levy herein-
- 19 before mentioned, shall be paid directly to the sheriff
- 20 and by him used in the purchase of new books for any
- 21 public library or branch and for the maintenance and opera-
- 22 tion thereof in the discretion of said board.
- 23 All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby
- 24 repealed.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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