

# A BILL

## FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH COUNTY LIBRARIES.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. There is hereby established in each county of this State a county library,  
2 which shall be kept in the office of the County Auditor.

SEC. 2. The County Auditor of each county shall be *ex-officio* librarian of the county  
2 library in such county, and the members of the board of supervisors of each county shall  
3 be *ex-officio* trustees of the county library in such county.

SEC. 3. Neither the County Auditor nor the board of supervisors shall receive any ad-  
2 ditional compensation for the performance of the duties required of them as librarian and  
3 trustees of such county libraries.

SEC. 4. The board of supervisors is hereby required to provide proper cases in the office  
2 of the County Auditor for the reception and care of all books, papers and documents belong-  
3 ing to the county library.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of State shall send to each county library, in addition to  
2 the Supreme Court reports now provided for by law, two copies each of all laws, journals of  
3 the Senate and House of Representatives, Governor's messages and addresses, census  
4 reports, reports of the State officers, reports of all State institutions, reports of all State  
5 boards, and all public documents of every kind published by the State. And it is further  
6 provided that the publisher or publishers of each official county paper shall furnish free of  
7 charge to said county library, one copy of each issue of such paper.

SEC. 6. The county librarian is authorized to receive donations of valuable books, papers  
2 and documents and place them in the county library.

SEC. 7. The county librarian of such counties in this State, as have not full sets of the  
2 Iowa Supreme Court reports, may purchase the necessary volumes to complete such sets of  
3 reports; and each county librarian is hereby authorized under the direction of the trustees  
4 to procure for the county library a complete set of the reports of the Adjutant-General of  
5 the State of Iowa.

SEC. 8. The county librarian shall have one set of the books, papers and documents, pro-  
2 vided for in section 5 hereof, including the official county papers, properly bound,

SEC. 9. The county librarian shall have the care and custody of the county library, and  
2 shall with his annual report to the board of supervisors, make a report of the condition of

3 the county library, and shall turn over to his successor in office all books, papers, documents  
4 and property belonging to the county library, and a failure to do so shall be a violation of  
5 the conditions of his official bond as County Auditor, and he and his sureties therein shall  
6 be held liable as in case of other violations of the conditions of said bond.

SEC. 10. All expenditures under this act shall be under the direction of the board of  
2 supervisors, and shall be paid from the general fund of the county.