

# 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 addi-  
2 tional 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 the Su-  
2 preme Court reports now provided for by law, two copies each of all laws, journals of the  
3 Senate and House of Representatives, Governor's messages and addresses, census reports,  
4 reports of the State officers, reports of all State institutions, reports of all State boards,  
5 and all public documents of every kind published by the State. And it is further provided  
6 that the publisher or publishers of each official county paper shall furnish, free of charge,  
7 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, and shall  
3 not permit any of such books, papers or documents to be removed from the library except  
4 that the Supreme Court reports may be taken to and used in the court room.

SEC. 9. The county librarian shall have care and custody of the county library, and shall  
2 with his annual report to the board of supervisors make a report of the condition of the  
3 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.