

schools of the county, and the same shall be apportioned among the several districts of the county in like manner as other school funds are now by law apportioned; provided, that all moneys received by the mayor and city council of any incorporated city, or by the board of trustees of any incorporated town or village, in this state, for the leasing of any ferry whose landing shall be within the corporate limits of such city, town or village, shall immediately upon the receipt of the same, be turned over to the treasurer of such city, town or village, to be by him deposited in the general fund and paid out in like manner as other moneys are paid out of said general fund for the use of said city, town or village.

§ 3. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, there is now no law providing for the leasing of ferry franchise within the limits of incorporated cities, towns or villages of this state, or for the disposition of the moneys received therefrom, an emergency exists, therefore this act shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 11, 1901.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

CHAPTER 97.

[S. B. 224.]

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

AN ACT to Amend Section 2467 of the Revised Codes of North Dakota, 1899, Relating to Free Public Libraries.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That section 2467 of the Revised Codes of North Dakota, 1899, be amended so as to read as follows:

§ 2467. LIBRARY FUND, HOW PROVIDED.] The city council of each city, not exceeding in population fifty thousand inhabitants, and each village or township board of every village and township containing over five hundred inhabitants, shall have power to establish and maintain a public library and reading room, and for such purpose may annually levy and cause to be collected, as other taxes are collected, a tax not exceeding four mills on each dollar of the taxable property of such city, village or township, to constitute the library fund, which fund shall be kept separate and apart from the other money of the city, village or township, by the treasurer thereof, and the same shall be used exclusively for such purpose; provided, that no library shall be so established

without first receiving the approval of the majority of the electors of such city, village or township, voting on such question at any general election at which it may be submitted to a vote.

§ 2. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, an emergency exists in that there is no present law covering the provisions embraced in the first section of this act, therefore it shall be in force on and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 8, 1901.

FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

CHAPTER 98.

[S. B. 200.]

FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

AN ACT to Define the System of Free Public Schools of the State.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.] The state university and school of mines at Grand Forks, the agricultural college at Fargo, the state normal schools at Valley City and Mayville, the deaf and dumb asylum at Devils Lake, the industrial school and school of manual training at Ellendale, a scientific school at Wahpeton, the school of forestry of Bottineau, and all other schools heretofore established by law and maintained by taxation constitute the system of free public schools of the state.

Approved March 12, 1901.