

LEGISLATIVE BILL 470

Approved by the Governor March 7, 2012

Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

FOR AN ACT relating to libraries; to amend sections 16-251 and 51-211, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide requirements for approval of personnel policies and procedures as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 16-251, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

16-251 The mayor and council of any city of the first class ~~shall have power to~~ may establish and maintain public libraries, reading rooms, art galleries, and museums, and ~~to~~ provide the necessary grounds or buildings therefor; ~~to~~ purchase the papers, books, maps, manuscripts, and works of art, and objects of natural or scientific curiosity and instruction therefor; and ~~to~~ receive donations and bequests of money or property for the ~~same~~ public libraries, reading rooms, art galleries, and museums in trust or otherwise. ~~They~~ The mayor and city council may also pass necessary bylaws and regulations for the protection and government of the ~~same~~ public libraries, reading rooms, art galleries, and museums. The ownership of the real and personal property of ~~such a~~ a public library shall be in the city. The mayor and city council shall approve any personnel administrative or compensation policy or procedure applying to a director or employee of a public library, reading room, art gallery, or museum before such policy or procedure is implemented.

Sec. 2. Section 51-211, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

51-211 (1) The library board ~~shall have the power to~~ may erect, lease, or occupy an appropriate building for the use of ~~such a~~ a library, and ~~to~~ appoint a suitable librarian and assistants, ~~to~~ fix their the compensation of such appointees, and ~~to~~ remove such appointees at the pleasure of the board. The governing body of the county, city, or village in which the library is located shall approve any personnel administrative or compensation policy or procedure before implementation of such policy or procedure by the library board.

(2) ~~The library board may~~ It shall have the power to establish rules and regulations for the government of such library as may be deemed necessary for its preservation and to maintain its usefulness and efficiency. ~~It shall have the power to~~ The library board may fix and impose, by general rules, penalties and forfeitures for trespasses upon or injury to the library grounds, rooms, books, or other property, for failure to return any book, or for violation of any bylaw, rule, or regulation and ~~to~~ fix and impose reasonable fees, not to exceed the library's actual cost, for nonbasic services. The board shall have and exercise such power as may be necessary to carry out the spirit and intent of sections 51-201 to 51-219 in establishing and maintaining a public library and reading room.

~~(2)~~ (3) The public library shall make its basic services available without charge to all residents of the political subdivision which supplies its tax support.

~~(3)~~ (4) No service shall be denied to any person because of race, sex, religion, age, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, or marital status.

Sec. 3. Original sections 16-251 and 51-211, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.