

LEGISLATIVE BILL 94

Approved by the Governor February 15, 1991

Introduced by Landis, 46

AN ACT relating to libraries; to amend section 51-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943; to permit levying a tax for contracting for library services without an election; and to repeal the original section.

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

Section 1. That section 51-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

51-201. The city council of any city, the board of trustees of any incorporated village, the county board of any county, and the electors of any township at their annual town meeting shall have the power to establish a public library free for the use of the inhabitants of such city, village, county, or township. Any of these named such council, board, or electors may also contract for the use of a public library already established and may levy a tax of not more than ten and five-tenths cents on each one hundred dollars upon the actual value of all the taxable property in such city, village, county, or township, or county, except intangible property, annually to be levied and collected in like manner as other taxes in such city, village, county, or township, except ~~Provided,~~ that when any county discontinues township organization the county shall levy and collect a tax of not more than ten and five-tenths cents on each one hundred dollars for such public library. The amount collected from such levy shall be known as the library fund. ~~When the county board makes a levy for a county library, it shall omit from the levy of the library tax all property within the limits of any city, village, or township in such county which already maintains a library by public tax.~~ Before establishing a county library ~~or levying a tax for a county library,~~ the county board shall submit the question to the voters of the county and a majority of the voters voting ~~thereon on the question~~ shall have authorized authorize the establishment of such county library and the levying of the tax. Such questions shall be submitted at a general election only, and when so submitted and carried, ~~it is~~

hereby made the duty of the county board to shall include the county library in its next succeeding estimate and levy. Such submission shall not be required when the board levies a tax for the purpose of contracting for use of a library already established. When the county board makes a levy for a county library or for the purpose of contracting for use of a public library already established, it shall omit from the levy of the library tax all property within the limits of any city, village, or township in such county which already maintains a library by public tax.

Sec. 2. That original section 51-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.