PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Act 92 of 1952

AN ACT to provide for cooperation and coordination in the maintenance and operation of libraries open for use by the public generally; to authorize certain contracts or arrangements for extension of library services; and to authorize the legislative body of political subdivisions to contract and pay therefor.

History: 1952, Act 92, Eff. Sept. 18, 1952;—Am. 1953, Act 152, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1953.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

397.471 Public libraries; maintenance and operation, contracts; cooperation to avoid duplication.

Sec. 1. The officers, agency or other authority charged by law with the maintenance and operation of any library for general public use may enter into and perform contracts or arrangements with the officers, agency or other authority likewise charged in respect of any other such library for cooperation and coordination in the maintenance and operation of the libraries to avoid unnecessary duplication and at the same time promote the widest public use of books, manuscripts and other materials and facilities and bring about the supplementing of the 1 library by the other, which may include the accumulating of books, manuscripts and other materials and facilities, to whichever library belonging, of the same general nature or pertaining to the same general subject in such library as will best facilitate access thereto and promote the best use thereof by the members of the public desiring so to do.

The officers, agencies or other authorities, jointly or severally, may enter into contracts or arrangements to make available to political subdivisions of the state, including school districts, otherwise authorized by law to maintain libraries, such library services and facilities as will promote the widest public use of books and avoid unnecessary duplication and expense.

History: 1952, Act 92, Eff. Sept. 18, 1952;—Am. 1953, Act 152, Imd. Eff. June 2, 1953;—Am. 1962, Act 59, Eff. Mar. 28, 1963.

397.472 Public libraries; contracts and arrangements; rights and privileges of residents; expenditures; political subdivisions.

Sec. 2. Such contracts and arrangements may be made between and among any number of such libraries. Any library supported in whole or in part by taxes or other public funds or competent in law to be so supported shall be eligible to be included in any such contract or arrangement by whatever authority such library may be maintained and operated. Residents of the territory subject to taxation for support of any library entering into any such contracts or arrangements shall have such rights and privileges in the use of the respective libraries entering into like contracts and arrangements as shall be provided therein. If the expenditures generally of such library shall by the law under which maintained and operated be subject to being budgeted and approved, any expenditure by such library required for carrying out any such contract or arrangement shall be likewise so subject.

The provisions hereof shall be broadly and liberally construed and applied and any provision in any contract or arrangement reasonably tending to effectuate in any part the intents and purposes hereof shall be deemed within the authority hereby granted. Any political subdivision of the state, including school districts, now or hereafter authorized by law to establish or maintain libraries or library services, may enter into contracts or arrangements for library services and facilities provided in section 1 and provide for the payments of obligations arising from such contracts or arrangements by resolution of the legislative body of the political subdivision or school district or in any other manner provided by law.

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