

In force,
Dec. 15, 1842.

AN ACT concerning the State Library.

State library
constituted

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That the books now belonging to the State, and such as shall be hereafter purchased or received by the State, except the law books now in the custody of the clerk of the Supreme Court, and such additions as hereafter may be made to them, which shall remain under the direction and control of the Supreme Court, shall be kept in the office of the Secretary of State, and shall compose the State library.

Sec. of State
to be librarian

SEC. 2. The Secretary of State shall be librarian, and take charge of the library and all papers, maps, and charts properly belonging thereto, under such regulations as are hereinafter established, and shall take special care that none of them be lost or injured.

Books may be
taken from
library

SEC. 3. Books may be taken from the State library by the members of the General Assembly and their officers during the session of the Legislature, and at any time by the Governor and the officers of the Executive department of this State, who are required to keep their offices at the seat of government, the justices of the Supreme Court and Attorney General; *Provided*, that no person shall be permitted to take or detain from the library more than two volumes of miscellaneous works at any one time.

Only two
books to be
taken at a
time

SEC. 4. The librarian shall cause to be kept a register of

all books issued and returned at the times they shall be so issued and returned, and none of the books, except the laws, journals, and reports of this State, which may be taken from the library by members of the Legislature or their officers, during the session, shall be retained more than two weeks, and all the books taken by members of the General Assembly or their officers, of every kind, shall be returned at the close of the session.

SEC. 5. If any person injure or fail to return any book taken from the library, within the time prescribed in the foregoing section, he shall forfeit and pay to the librarian, for the benefit of the library, three times the value thereof or of the set to which it belongs; and before the Auditor shall issue his warrant in favor of any member or officer of the General Assembly, for his services during the session, he shall be satisfied that such member or officer has returned all books taken out of the library by him, and has settled all accounts for injuring such books or otherwise.

SEC. 6. All fines and forfeitures accruing under and by virtue of this act shall be recoverable by action of debt before any justice of the peace or court having jurisdiction of the same, in the name of the people of the State of Illinois, for the use of the State library; and in all such trials the entries of the librarian, to be made as hereinbefore described, shall be evidence of the delivery of the book or books, and of the date thereof; and it shall be his duty to carry this act into execution and sue for all injuries done to the library and penalties under this act.

APPROVED, December 15th, 1842.