

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 493

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AN ACT to amend section 51-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and section 51-316, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1969, relating to libraries; to increase the maximum mill levy that may be imposed for libraries; and to repeal the original sections.

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 those named may also contract for the use of a public library already established and may levy a tax of not more than ~~two~~ three mills on the dollar upon the assessed value of all the taxable property in such city, village, 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; Provided, that when any county discontinues township organization the county shall levy and collect a tax of not more than ~~two~~ three mills 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 shall have authorized 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 include the county library in its next succeeding estimate and levy.

Sec. 2. That section 51-316, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1969, be amended to read as follows:

51-316. The county board or the regional library commissioners through their respective county boards shall, after a county or regional library has been established, when the annual budget statement has been adopted, annually levy, in the same manner and at the same time as other county taxes are levied and in addition to all other taxes, a tax in the amount required under the adopted budget statement to be received from taxation for the purpose of purchasing property for, establishing, and maintaining a county library, not to exceed ~~one-mill~~ two mills on the dollar upon the assessed value of all the taxable property in such county, except intangible property, outside of incorporated cities and villages maintaining public libraries, or a township maintaining a public library, and upon all property within incorporated cities, villages, or townships maintaining such a library, which have elected to become a part of such county library system as provided in sections 51-301 to 51-319.

Sec. 3. That original section 51-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, and section 51-316, Revised Statutes Supplement, 1969, are repealed.