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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to libraries; to amend sections 16-251 and
2 51-211, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide
3 requirements for approval of personnel policies and
4 procedures as prescribed; and to repeal the original
5 sections.
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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

3 16-251 The mayor and council of any city of the first
4 class ~~shall have power to~~ may establish and maintain public
5 libraries, reading rooms, art galleries, and museums, and ~~to~~ provide
6 the necessary grounds or buildings therefor; ~~to~~ purchase the papers,
7 books, maps, manuscripts, and works of art, and objects of natural or
8 scientific curiosity and instruction therefor; and ~~to~~ receive
9 donations and bequests of money or property for the ~~same~~ public
10 libraries, reading rooms, art galleries, and museums in trust or
11 otherwise. ~~They~~ The mayor and city council may also pass necessary
12 bylaws and regulations for the protection and government of the ~~same~~.
13 public libraries, reading rooms, art galleries, and museums. The
14 ownership of the real and personal property of ~~such a~~ public library
15 shall be in the city. The mayor and city council shall approve any
16 personnel administrative or compensation policy or procedure applying
17 to a director or employee of a public library, reading room, art
18 gallery, or museum before such policy or procedure is implemented.

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

21 51-211 (1) The library board ~~shall have the power to~~ may
22 erect, lease, or occupy an appropriate building for the use of ~~such a~~
23 library, and ~~to~~ appoint a suitable librarian and assistants, ~~to~~ fix
24 ~~their~~ the compensation of such appointees, and ~~to~~ remove such
25 appointees at the pleasure of the board. The governing body of the

1 county, city, or village in which the library is located shall
2 approve any personnel administrative or compensation policy or
3 procedure before implementation of such policy or procedure by the
4 library board.

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

17 ~~(2)-(3)~~ (3) The public library shall make its basic services
18 available without charge to all residents of the political
19 subdivision which supplies its tax support.

20 ~~(3)-(4)~~ (4) No service shall be denied to any person because
21 of race, sex, religion, age, color, national origin, ancestry,
22 physical handicap, or marital status.

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