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An Act to empower the Treasurer to subsidize the cost of certain libraries, and for incidental purposes.

[Assented to 8th December, 1955.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows :

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Libraries (Subsidies) Act, 1955".

Power of Treasurer to subsidize libraries.

2. (1) If satisfied that any municipal council or district council or other body recommended by the municipal or district council and approved by the Treasurer will, in premises under the care, control or management of the council, or approved body, maintain and manage a library and that the council or approved body has provided or will provide, the furniture and fittings necessary for the library, the Treasurer, subject to this Act, may in any financial year pay to the council or approved body towards the cost of maintaining and managing the library an amount not exceeding the amount paid by the council or approved body during that financial year towards the said cost. Provided that a subsidy shall not be paid to an approved body unless a council also contributes to the cost of the library, and the subsidy shall not exceed the amount so contributed by the council.

(2) No amount shall be paid by the Treasurer under this section except after consideration of a report upon the matter by The Libraries Board of South Australia.

(3) The payment by the Treasurer may be made subject to such, if any, conditions and restrictions as are recommended by the Libraries Board of South Australia and are thought fit by the Treasurer.

(4) No payment shall be made by the Treasurer unless he is satisfied—

(a) that a substantial proportion of the books to be provided in the library will be of an educational or literary nature ; and

(b) that the library will be available to the public.

3. (1) The Libraries Board of South Australia may establish and carry on a service for lending books to libraries subsidized under this Act, and may with the approval of the Treasurer determine the conditions on which books will be so lent.

Power of
Libraries
Board to
establish
lending
service for
libraries.

(2) The cost of such service shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament for that purpose.

4. Any amounts required for the purpose of this Act shall be paid out of moneys voted by Parliament for the purpose.

Financial
provision.

In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

R. A. GEORGE, Governor.