

An Act to facilitate the establishment of Free Libraries.

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as "The Free Libraries Amendment Act, 1883." Short title.

2. In case of any Mechanics' Institute transferring its library and reading-room, or either of them, to any Board of Management of a Free Library, under section ten of the "Free Libraries Act, 1882," if it is part of the agreement that the Board shall thereafter receive the appropriation from the Mechanics' Institute Grant, which the Institute would otherwise receive, the Board shall, on the condition (if any) mentioned in the agreement, be entitled to the like aid from the unappropriated moneys in the hands of the Treasurer of the Province in respect of such reading-room and library, or either of them, as such Mechanics' Institute would have received under the provision of the Revised Act, chapter thirty-five, relating to Mechanics' Institutes. Provisions where library, etc., of Mechanics' Institute transferred to Board.

3. It is hereby declared to have been and to be the true meaning and intention of the said Act that a by-law, under the "Free Libraries Act, 1882," which has been assented to by the electors, may be passed at the first or any meeting of the municipal council thereafter, without waiting for the expiration of fourteen days or any other time, unless a petition for a scrutiny has been presented in the meantime as provided by section 318 of the Municipal Act. Meaning of 45 V. c. 22, as to final passing of by-law declared.

4. After a by-law has been assented to, it shall be the duty of the council for the time being to pass the same without unnecessary delay, whether such council is, or is not, the same council which submitted the by-law to the electors. By-law to be passed by Council.

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THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

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