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CHAPTER 57

An Act respecting Public Libraries

Assented to December 14th, 1984

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

1. In this Act,

Interpretation

- (a) “board” in Part I means a public library board, a union board, a county library board or a county library co-operative board and in Part II means an Ontario library service board;
- (b) “Minister” means the Minister of Citizenship and Culture;
- (c) “municipality” means a city, town, village, township or improvement district;
- (d) “prescribed” means prescribed by the regulations;
- (e) “regulations” means the regulations made under this Act.

PART I

PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARDS

2. Every public library established under a predecessor of this Part that was being operated immediately before the day this Part comes into force is continued subject to this Part.

Public
libraries
continued

3.—(1) The council of a municipality and the trustees of an improvement district may by by-law establish a public library.

Establishment
of public
library

(2) When a by-law is passed under subsection (1), the clerk shall promptly mail or deliver a copy of the by-law to the Minister.

Copy of
by-law to
be sent to
Minister

Board

(3) A public library shall be under the management and control of a board, which is a corporation known as “The (*insert name of municipality*) Public Library Board”.

UNION BOARDS

Union
libraries
continued

4. Every union public library established under a predecessor of this Part that was being operated immediately before the day this Part comes into force is continued subject to this Part.

Establishment
of union
public
library

5.—(1) The councils of two or more municipalities may make an agreement for the establishment of a union public library.

Agreement

(2) An agreement under subsection (1) shall specify what proportion of the cost of the establishment, operation and maintenance of the union public library, including the cost of existing libraries, shall be paid by each municipality.

Union board

(3) A union public library shall be under the management and control of a union board, which is a corporation known as “The (*insert appropriate name*) Union Public Library Board”.

Dissolution
of boards
included
in union

(4) When an agreement is made under subsection (1), the public library boards established in the municipalities for which the union board is established are thereby dissolved, and the assets and liabilities of those boards are vested in and assumed by the union board, unless the agreement provides otherwise.

Copy of
agreement
to be sent
to Minister

(5) When an agreement is made under subsection (1), the clerk of the municipality that has the greatest population shall promptly mail or deliver a copy of the agreement to the Minister.

COUNTY LIBRARY BOARDS

County
libraries
continued

6. Every county library established under a predecessor of this Part that was being operated immediately before the day this Part comes into force is continued subject to this Part.

County
library
establishment

7.—(1) Where resolutions of the councils of at least two-thirds of the municipalities forming part of a county for municipal purposes request that the county establish a county library, the council of the county may by by-law establish a county library for those municipalities.

- (2) When a by-law is passed under subsection (1), the clerk shall promptly mail or deliver a copy of the by-law to the Minister. Copy of by-law to be sent to Minister
- (3) At any time after a county library is established, the council of a non-participating municipality, city or separated town and the county council may make an agreement bringing the non-participating municipality, city or separated town into the county library, and the county council shall amend the establishing by-law accordingly. Additional members: agreements
- (4) An agreement made under subsection (3) shall specify what proportion of the cost of the establishment, operation and maintenance of the county library shall be paid by the county and the city or separated town respectively. Contents of agreement
- (5) When a county library is established, every public library board and county library co-operative established for a municipality or any part thereof that is included in the area for which the county library is established is dissolved, and the assets and liabilities of the boards are vested in and assumed by the county library board unless the by-law establishing the county library provides otherwise. Dissolution of public library boards, etc.
- (6) When a municipality joins a county library, subsection (5) applies with necessary modifications. Idem
- (7) A county library shall be under the management and control of a board, which is a corporation known as "The (*insert name of county*) County Library Board". County library board

COUNTY LIBRARY CO-OPERATIVE BOARDS

- 8.—**(1) Every county library co-operative board established under a predecessor of this Act that was in existence immediately before the day this Part comes into force is continued subject to this Part. County library co-operatives continued
- (2) Where a county library co-operative has jurisdiction in an area for which a county library is established, the county library co-operative is dissolved, and its assets and liabilities are vested in and assumed by the county library board. When dissolved

GENERAL

- 9.—**(1) A public library board for a municipality whose population is less than 100,000 shall be composed of at least five and no more than nine members appointed by the municipal council. Composition of public library board

Idem

(2) A public library board for a municipality whose population is 100,000 or more shall be composed of at least nine and no more than fifteen members appointed by the municipal council.

School board
representation
on public
library board

(3) In the case of a public library board for a municipality whose population is 10,000 or more, school boards with jurisdiction in the municipality shall be represented on the public library board in the following manner:

1. Two of the members of the public library board shall be persons recommended by the board of education and one member shall be a person recommended by the separate school board, if any, unless paragraph 2 applies.
2. If separate school electors are a majority of electors in the municipality, two of the members of the public library board shall be persons recommended by the separate school board and one member shall be a person recommended by the board of education.
3. If there is more than one board of education or more than one separate school board, in each case the board that is supported by the largest number of electors of the municipality shall make the recommendation or recommendations.

Composition
of union
board

(4) A union board shall be composed of at least five and no more than fifteen members appointed by the councils of the affected municipalities in the proportions and in the manner specified in the agreement made under subsection 5 (1).

Idem:
county
library
board

(5) A county library board shall be composed of at least seven and no more than fifteen members appointed by the county council.

City or
separated
town:
appointments
to county
library
board

(6) When a city or separated town joins a county library, the members of the county library board shall be appointed by the county council and the council of the city or separated town in the proportions agreed upon by the county council and the council of the city or separated town.

Idem:
county
library
co-operative
board

(7) The board of a county library co-operative shall be composed of at least seven and no more than fifteen members appointed by the county council.

10.—(1) A person is qualified to be appointed as a member of a board who is a member of the appointing council or,

Qualifications of board members

- (a) is at least eighteen years old;
- (b) is a Canadian citizen;
- (c) is,
 - (i) in the case of a public library board, a resident of the municipality for which the board is established, or is a resident of a municipality or of the board area of a local service board or a member of an Indian band that has a contract with the board under section 29,
 - (ii) in the case of a union board, a resident of one of the affected municipalities, or
 - (iii) in the case of a county library board or county library co-operative board, a resident of the county; and
- (d) is not employed by the board or by the municipality or county or, in the case of a union board, by any of the affected municipalities.

(2) The appointing council shall not appoint more of its own members to a board than the number that is,

Number of council members on board limited

- (a) in the case of a public library board or union board, one less than a majority of the board; and
- (b) in the case of a county library or a county co-operative library, a bare majority of the board.

(3) A board member shall hold office for a term concurrent with the term of the appointing council, or until a successor is appointed, and may be reappointed for one or more further terms.

Term

(4) The first appointments of members of a new board shall be made at a regular meeting of council and the member shall take office as soon as possible thereafter, and thereafter appointments shall be made at the first meeting of council in each term, but if the council fails to make the appointments at its first meeting, it shall do so at its next regular meeting.

Time for making appointments

11.—(1) The clerk of the appointing municipality or county or, in the case of a union board, the clerks of the

Notice of vacancies

affected municipalities shall give public notice of vacancies on the board by publishing a notice of them, inviting applications, in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality.

Idem (2) The notice referred to in subsection (1) shall be in English or in both English and French, as may be appropriate.

Idem (3) In the case of a public library board, where a vacancy on the board requires the appointment of a person recommended by the public school board, board of education or separate school board that has jurisdiction in the municipality, the notice referred to in subsection (1) shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality by the secretary of the school board concerned.

Vacancies **12.** Where a vacancy arises in the membership of a board, the appointing council shall promptly appoint a person to fill the vacancy and to hold office for the unexpired term, except where the unexpired term is less than forty-five days.

Disqualification of board member

13. If a board member,

- (a) is convicted of an indictable offence;
- (b) becomes incapacitated;
- (c) is absent from the meetings of the board for three consecutive months without being authorized by a board resolution;
- (d) ceases to be qualified for membership under clause 10 (1) (c); or
- (e) otherwise forfeits his or her seat,

the member's seat becomes vacant and the remaining members shall forthwith declare the seat vacant and notify the appointing council accordingly.

First meeting

14.—(1) The first meeting of a board in a new term shall be called,

- (a) if a by-law has been passed under subsection (2), by the chief executive officer appointed under subsection 15 (2); and
- (b) if no by-law has been passed under subsection (2), by the clerk of the appointing council or, in the case

of a union board, the clerk of the municipality having the greatest population.

(2) A municipal council or, in the case of a union board, a majority of the municipal councils affected may by by-law authorize the chief executive officer appointed under subsection 15 (2) to call the first meeting of the board in each new term. By-law
re calling
first
meeting

(3) A board shall elect one of its members as chairman at its first meeting in a new term. Chairman

(4) In the absence of the chairman, the board may appoint one of its members as acting chairman. Acting
chairman

15.—(1) A board may appoint and remove such officers and servants as it considers necessary, determine the terms of their employment, fix their remuneration and prescribe their duties. Staff

(2) A board shall appoint a chief executive officer who shall have general supervision over and direction of the operations of the public library and its staff, shall attend all board meetings and shall have the other powers and duties that the board assigns to him or her from time to time. Chief
executive
officer

(3) A board shall appoint a secretary who shall, Secretary

- (a) conduct the board's official correspondence; and
- (b) keep minutes of every meeting of the board.

(4) A board shall appoint a treasurer who shall, Treasurer

- (a) receive and account for all the board's money;
- (b) open an account or accounts in the name of the board in a chartered bank, trust company or credit union approved by the board;
- (c) deposit all money received on the board's behalf to the credit of that account or accounts; and
- (d) disburse the money as the board directs.

(5) The same person may be both the secretary and the treasurer, and the chief executive officer appointed under subsection (2) may be the secretary and may be the treasurer. Idem

Regular meetings

16.—(1) A board shall hold regular meetings at least once monthly from January to June and from September to December, both inclusive, and at such other times as it considers necessary.

Special meetings

(2) The chairman or any two members of a board may summon a special meeting of the board by giving each member reasonable notice in writing, specifying the purpose for which the meeting is called.

Open meetings: exception

(3) Despite any other Act, board meetings shall be open to the public, except that where the board is of the opinion that intimate financial or personal matters may be disclosed at a meeting and that the desirability of protecting against the consequences of their public disclosure outweighs the desirability of holding the meeting in public, the board may hold that meeting in the absence of the public.

Excluding person

(4) Despite subsection (3), the chairman may exclude any person from a meeting for improper conduct.

Quorum

(5) The presence of a majority of the board is necessary for the transaction of business at a meeting.

Voting

(6) The chairman or acting chairman of a board may vote with the other members of the board upon all questions, and any question on which there is an equality of votes shall be deemed to be negative.

Language

17. A board may conduct its meetings in English or French or in both English and French, and subsections 104a (1), (4), (5), (6) and (7) of the *Municipal Act* apply to a board with necessary modifications.

R.S.O. 1980,
c. 302

Expenses

18. A board may reimburse its members for proper travelling and other expenses incurred in carrying out their duties as members.

Real property

19.—(1) A board may, with the consent of the appointing council or, where it is a union board, the consent of a majority of the councils of the municipalities for which it was established,

(a) acquire land required for its purposes by purchase, lease, expropriation or otherwise;

(b) erect, add to or alter buildings;

- (c) acquire or erect a building larger than is required for library purposes, and lease any surplus part of the building; and
- (d) sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any land or building that is no longer required for the board's purposes.

(2) The *Expropriations Act* applies to the expropriation of land under subsection (1).

Application
of
R.S.O. 1980,
c. 148

20. A board,

Powers and
duties of
board

- (a) shall seek to provide, in co-operation with other boards, a comprehensive and efficient public library service that reflects the community's unique needs;
- (b) shall seek to provide library services in the French language, where appropriate;
- (c) shall operate one or more libraries and ensure that they are conducted in accordance with this Act and the regulations;
- (d) may operate special services in connection with a library as it considers necessary;
- (e) shall fix the times and places for board meetings and the mode of calling and conducting them, and ensure that full and correct minutes are kept;
- (f) shall make an annual report to the Minister and make any other reports required by this Act and the regulations or requested by the Minister from time to time;
- (g) shall make provision for insuring the board's real and personal property;
- (h) shall take proper security for the treasurer; and
- (i) may appoint such committees as it considers expedient.

21. A county library board shall operate a branch library in each local municipality that operated a public library before that municipality became part of the county library system, unless the county council and the council of the municipality concerned agree otherwise.

Operation
of branch
libraries
by county
library
board

Retirement allowances

R.S.O. 1980, c. 302

22.—(1) A board may, with the approval of the appointing council or councils, grant an annual retirement allowance to an employee in accordance with section 100 of the *Municipal Act*, and that section applies with necessary modifications.

Pensions

R.S.O. 1980, c. 302

(2) A board may, by resolution, provide pensions for employees or any class of them and their surviving spouses and children in the manner and subject to the conditions set out in paragraph 46 of section 208 of the *Municipal Act*, and that paragraph applies with necessary modifications.

Sick leave credits

R.S.O. 1980, c. 302

(3) A board may, by resolution, establish a system of sick leave credit gratuities for employees or any class of them in the manner and subject to the conditions set out in paragraph 47 of section 208 of the *Municipal Act*, and that paragraph applies with necessary modifications.

Libraries to be open to public

23.—(1) A board shall not make a charge for admission to a public library or for use in the library of the library's materials.

Certain library services free

(2) Every board shall allow the public to,

- (a) reserve and borrow circulating materials that are prescribed or belong to a prescribed class; and
- (b) use reference and information services as the board considers practicable,

without making any charge.

Fees

(3) A board may impose such fees as it considers proper for,

- (a) services not referred to in subsections (1) and (2);
- (b) the use of the parts of a building that are not being used for public library purposes; and
- (c) the use of library services by persons who do not reside in the area of the board's jurisdiction.

Rules

(4) Subject to the regulations, a board may make rules,

- (a) for the use of library services;
- (b) for the admission of the public to the library;

- (c) for the exclusion from the library of persons who behave in a disruptive manner or cause damage to library property;
- (d) imposing fines for breaches of the rules;
- (e) suspending library privileges for breaches of the rules; and
- (f) regulating all other matters connected with the management of the library and library property.

24.—(1) A public library board, county library board or county library co-operative board shall submit to the appointing council, annually on or before the date and in the form specified by the council, estimates of all sums required during the year for the purposes of the board.

Estimates

(2) The amount of the board's estimates that is approved or amended and approved by the council shall be adopted by the board and shall be paid to the board out of the moneys appropriated for it.

Approval of estimates

(3) The board shall apply the money paid to it under subsection (2) in accordance with the estimates as approved, subject to subsection (4).

Idem

(4) The council may, in its approval of the board's estimates or at any time at the board's request, authorize the board to apply a specified amount or percentage of the money paid to it under subsection (2) otherwise than in accordance with the items of the estimates as approved.

Council may authorize variation

(5) A union board shall submit its estimates to each of the councils of the municipalities for which the board was established, and subsections (1), (2), (3) and (4) apply to the union board with necessary modifications.

Idem: union board

(6) A union board shall submit with its estimates a statement as to the proportion of the estimates that is to be charged to each of the municipalities, and if the estimates of the board are approved or amended and approved by the councils of the municipalities representing more than one-half of the population of the area for which the board was established, they are binding on all the municipalities.

Where two or more municipalities concerned

(7) A public library board, county library board or county library co-operative board shall submit its annual financial

Audited financial statements

R.S.O. 1980,
c. 302

statements, audited by a person appointed under section 88 of the *Municipal Act*, to the council annually on or before the date specified by the council.

Idem: union
board

(8) A union board shall submit its annual financial statements to each of the councils of the municipalities for which the board was established, and subsection (7) applies to the union board with necessary modifications.

Debentures
for library
purposes

25.—(1) Subject to the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board, the sums required by a public library board or union board for the purposes of acquiring land, for building, erecting or altering a building or for acquiring books and other things required for a newly established library may, on the application of the board, be raised by the issue of municipal debentures.

Application
to council

(2) The board's application shall be made to the council or councils of the municipality or municipalities for which the board was established.

Council
to deal
with
application

(3) The council or, if more than one, each of the councils, at the first meeting after receiving the application or as soon thereafter as possible, shall consider and approve or disapprove it, and if a vote in any council results in a tie, the application shall be deemed to be disapproved by the council.

Issue of
debentures

(4) If the council, or a majority of the councils where there are more than one, approves the application and the Ontario Municipal Board approves it, the council of the municipality or, if more than one, the council of the municipality that has the greatest population shall raise the sum required by the issue of debentures in the manner provided by the *Municipal Act*, or, if it so desires, the council of any municipality may raise its proportion of the sum required by the issue of its own debentures.

R.S.O. 1980,
c. 302

Library
estimates
included
in county
estimates
R.S.O. 1980,
c. 302

26.—(1) The amount estimated by a county library board to meet its operating costs, as approved by the council, shall be included in the amount required by the county for general county purposes under subsection 164 (1) of the *Municipal Act*, and shall be apportioned among the municipalities forming part of the county for municipal purposes, unless not all those municipalities participate in the county library, in which case the county council shall by by-law apportion the amount estimated by the county library board among the participating municipalities.

Accommo-
dation
may be pro-
vided by
local
municipality

(2) The council of one or more participating municipalities may, at the request of the county library board, rent accom-

modation to the board and may, subject to the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board, issue municipal debentures for the cost of constructing a building for the board's purposes, but the ownership of the building shall remain with the municipality unless the board and the council of the municipality agree otherwise.

27. The council of any municipality or county may make a grant in money, lands or buildings to a board. Grant from council

28.—(1) A person may, during ordinary business hours, inspect any records, books, accounts and documents in the possession or control of a board's secretary. Inspection of records

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to information that, Exception

(a) in the secretary's opinion, is of an intimate financial or personal nature; or

(b) identifies an individual user of library services by name or makes him or her readily identifiable by other means.

29.—(1) The council of a municipality, a local service board, the council of an Indian band or the trustees of an improvement district may, instead of establishing or maintaining a public library, enter into a contract with a public library board, union board or county library board, or, where subsection 34 (2) applies, with the Ontario library service board that has jurisdiction, for the purpose of providing the residents of the municipality or local service board area or the members of the band, as the case may be, with library services, on the terms and conditions set out in the agreement. Contract for library services

(2) The council, local service board, band council or trustees entering into a contract under subsection (1) shall make an annual financial report to the Minister and make any other reports required by this Act and the regulations or requested by the Minister. Annual report to Minister

30.—(1) The Minister shall make a grant to every board out of legislative appropriations for library purposes, on the prescribed conditions. Payments to boards

(2) The Minister shall make a grant out of legislative appropriations for library purposes to every municipality, local service board, Indian band or improvement district that has a contract for library services under subsection 29 (1), on the prescribed conditions. Idem: where municipality, etc., has contract for library services

Idem:
library of
regional
municipality

(3) Where a regional municipality has established a public library board, the Minister shall make a grant to the board out of legislative appropriations for library purposes as if it were a board under this Part.

Idem:
library of
Indian band
or local
service
board

(4) Where the council of an Indian band or a local service board has established a public library, the Minister shall make a grant to the Indian band or local service board out of legislative appropriations for library purposes as if it were a board under this Part.

PART II

ONTARIO LIBRARY SERVICE

Establishment,
etc., of
Ontario library
service areas

31. The Minister may establish and locate Ontario library service areas throughout Ontario, may determine and may from time to time alter the boundaries of an Ontario library service area and may dissolve an Ontario library service area.

Regional
library
systems
dissolved

32.—(1) Every regional library system established for a region under a predecessor of this Act that was being operated immediately before the day this Part comes into force is dissolved and,

- (a) where the region lies entirely within the boundaries of an Ontario library service area, the assets and liabilities of the regional library system are vested in and assumed by the board of the Ontario library service area; or
- (b) where two or more Ontario library service areas are established in the region, the assets and liabilities of the regional library system shall be apportioned among the boards of the Ontario library service areas as the Minister directs.

Fiscal
year

(2) The fiscal year of an Ontario library service area begins on the 1st day of April in each year and ends on the 31st day of March in the following year.

Board

33.—(1) An Ontario library service area shall be under the jurisdiction of a board, which is a corporation known as "The *(insert name specified by the Minister)* Ontario Library Service Board".

Composition
of board

- (2) A board shall consist of,
 - (a) one member appointed by the public library board for every municipality within the Ontario library

service area that has a population of 15,000 or more;

- (b) one member appointed by the county library board for every county within the Ontario library service area; and
- (c) if the number of members appointed under clauses (a) and (b) is,
 - (i) less than nine, a number of additional members appointed by the Minister that brings the number of members to a total not exceeding nine, or
 - (ii) nine or more, a number of additional members appointed by the Minister that does not exceed one less than the number appointed under clauses (a) and (b).

(3) The Minister or the Minister's delegate shall arrange for appointments to a board and shall call the first meeting of a board in a fiscal year. First meeting, etc.

(4) A board member shall hold office until the last day of the fiscal year in which he or she is appointed, or until a successor is appointed, whichever is longer, and may be reappointed for one or more further terms. Term of office

(5) Where a vacancy arises in the membership of the board, the appointing public library board or county library board or the Minister, as the case may be, may appoint a person to fill the vacancy and to hold office for the unexpired term. Vacancies

34.—(1) The objects of a board are to deliver programs and services on behalf of the Minister by, Objects of board

- (a) increasing co-operation and co-ordination among public library boards and other information providers in order to promote the provision of library services to the public; and
- (b) assisting public library boards by providing them with services and programs that reflect their needs, including consultation, training and development services.

(2) The board of an Ontario library service area designated by the Minister as a northern Ontario library service area may provide library services directly, whether under a contract Direct library service in northern Ontario

with the council of a municipality, a local service board, the council of an Indian band or the trustees of an improvement district in the Ontario library service area as described in subsection 29 (1) or otherwise.

Powers of
board

35.—(1) A board has the powers necessary or convenient to achieve its objects and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, may,

- (a) subject to clause (2) (a), make by-laws and rules for the administration of its affairs;
- (b) appoint any person by resolution to execute documents on behalf of the board and to affix the board's seal to them;
- (c) appoint such committees as it considers expedient; and
- (d) enter into agreements with public library boards, union library boards and county library boards.

Duties of
board

(2) A board shall,

- (a) conduct its affairs in accordance with the administrative policies and procedures determined by the Minister;
- (b) fix the times and places for board meetings and the mode of calling them, and ensure that proper minutes are kept;
- (c) make an annual report to the Minister and make any other reports requested by the Minister;
- (d) make provision for insuring the board's real and personal property; and
- (e) take proper security for the treasurer.

Estimates

36.—(1) In each fiscal year the board shall submit to the Minister, in the form and on or before the day specified by the Minister, estimates of all sums required during the year for the area's purposes.

Approval
of
estimates

(2) The amount of the board's estimates that is approved by the Minister shall be adopted by the board and shall be paid to the board out of legislative appropriations for library purposes in the amounts, at the times and on the terms and conditions that the Minister considers proper.

37. A board shall submit to the Minister,

Financial reports, etc.

- (a) in each fiscal year, its audited financial statements and descriptions of its programs and activities; and
- (b) such further information as the Minister requests from time to time.

38. Subsection 10 (1) and sections 13 to 18, except subsections 14 (1) and 16 (1), apply to a board with necessary modifications.

Application of general provisions

PART III

GENERAL

39. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,

Regulations

- (a) providing for the distribution of all moneys appropriated by the Legislature for library purposes;
- (b) prescribing the conditions governing the payments of grants;
- (c) respecting the establishment, organization, management, premises and rules of public libraries;
- (d) prescribing circulating materials or classes of circulating materials for the purpose of clause 23 (2) (a) (free library services).

40.—(1) The Minister may establish special library service boards to provide the resources and services that the Minister specifies and may make grants to special library service boards out of legislative appropriations for library purposes.

Special library service boards

(2) Section 37 applies to a special library service board with necessary modifications.

s. 37 applies

(3) The Metropolitan Toronto Library Board, as continued by subsection 148 (1) of the *Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto Act*, shall be deemed to be a special library service board and may provide library resources and services to the Ontario library community.

Metropolitan Toronto Library Board
R.S.O. 1980, c. 314

41. Where a board in any fiscal year fails to comply with this Act or the regulations, the Minister may withhold the whole or any part of the legislative grant that would otherwise be payable to the board for that year.

Withholding grant on default of board

Dissolution
by Minister

42.—(1) The Minister may dissolve a public library board, a union board, a county library board or a county library co-operative board where the board has not, during the two year period immediately preceding the dissolution, maintained and operated a library.

Idem

(2) The Minister may dissolve an Ontario library service board where the Ontario library service area under its jurisdiction has been dissolved.

Assets and
liabilities
of dissolved
board

(3) Where a board is dissolved under subsection (1), its assets and liabilities are vested in and assumed by the municipality or county or, in the case of a union board, are distributed as the Minister directs among the municipalities for which the union board was established.

Idem

(4) Where a board is dissolved under subsection (2), its assets and liabilities are vested in and assumed by the Crown in right of Ontario.

Repeal

43. The *Public Libraries Act*, being chapter 414 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1980, is repealed.

44. Subsection 148 (7) of the *Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto Act*, being chapter 314 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1980, is amended by striking out “board of a regional library system” in the third line and inserting in lieu thereof “special library services board”.

Commence-
ment

45. This Act comes into force on a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor.

Short title

46. The short title of this Act is the *Public Libraries Act, 1984*.